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**Rabbi Chester Diamond**  
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## Ottenheimer Award Goes to Rabbi Diamond

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
 Editor

The Jewish Community of Louisville's prestigious Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award is presented annually to an individual who has had significant impact for good in Louisville and often throughout the state and beyond. It recognizes a lifetime of achievement in pursuit of social justice.

The 2016 Ottenheimer Award will go to Rabbi Chester B. Diamond, and it will be present at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at The J.

Becoming a rabbi was not always part of Rabbi Diamond's plans. "I was in the Air Force after graduating from Brooklyn College, and I wasn't sure what I was going to do," he explained. "I had no Jewish education."

He had grown up in Brooklyn where most of his neighbors were Jewish and schools and many businesses closed for the Jewish holidays. Rabbi Diamond's family wasn't religious and didn't belong to a congregation, he continued, "but since I was off from school, I would go see **DIAMOND** page 13

## Mickey Heideman Is Abrams Volunteer of the Year

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
 Editor

Volunteers are an invaluable asset to the community and provide thousands of hours of vital service to organizations and individuals that would not be possible without them.

The Ronald and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award is presented each year to an individual whose life is defined by his/her volunteer activities.

The 2016 Abrams Volunteer of the Year is Mickey Heideman, and thanks

to his efforts on behalf of Friends of Ostromates Worldwide - USA (FOW), people around the world who have conditions that do not allow them to pass waste from their bodies in normal fashion have the medical supplies they need to function. Many of them have had cancer or



**Mickey Heideman**

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## Camp Scholarship Challenge Announced

Take a moment to remember three of your favorite childhood experiences. Chances are good, one or more of those cherished memories includes Summer Camp.

In the Jewish community, Summer Camp seems to be the tie that binds. And, here at The J, Summer Camp is so wonderful that it's quickly become the tie that binds in the greater community as well.

This summer, over 600 families will participate in JCC Camp Programs.

Unfortunately, not everyone can afford to send their children to camp. Each year, more and more families apply for

financial aid through our Camp Scholarship Fund. These are the children that could benefit the most from time with their peers, playing in the sun and learning what it means to be part of our Jewish community.

Fortunately, a few angels have stepped forward, and they are challenging you to as well. Randy and Mary Baron, Gary and Jane Gordon and Rick and Bonnie (Baron) Gordon have generously contributed \$5,000 from their fund, The C. D. & Lois Kline Baron Camp Scholarship Fund, to match all donations dollar for dollar up to \$5,000.

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# JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director  
Jewish Community Relations Council

The 2016 Annual Conference for the Jewish Council for Public Affairs took place in Cleveland, OH, May 14-17, and the dominant theme was uniting to confront the various challenges our Jewish communities face. The JCPA is the umbrella organization of JCRCs and other national organizations and this year's conference was both informative and inspiring.

The conference kicked off with a fascinating plenary session about political polarization, led by two former congressmen who decided to leave Congress because of the toxic political discourse. Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA) and Rep. Martin Frost (D-TX) wrote a book together detailing how, over the course of the last 10 years, the extremes on both the right and the left have predominated, and moderates have either been voted out, redistricted or otherwise marginalized. Jewish communities can play a role in helping to create an atmosphere of civility, and advocating for a political moderation.

Another fascinating plenary session focused on the turmoil in the Middle East and was moderated by Ami Eden, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency news service. The featured speakers were Elliot Abrams and Tamara Wittes, both former presidential advisors and recognized experts in the field.

They directly addressed the issues that concern our Jewish community, namely how will the chaos affect Israel, the United States, and the American Jewish community. The speakers emphasized that Israel's threats have changed as Syria no longer poses any real threat and the chaos has created under the radar alliances between Israel and several Arab nations ... even ones that do not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

The drop in oil prices has affected Iran's ability to finance terror operations around the world. They also said that the chaos has dispelled any myths about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict being the source of problems in the Middle East.

Other fascinating topics addressed by this conference included discussions about how to counter the BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) movement against Israel and how to foster civil dialogue among those whose views on Israel are wildly divergent. Other Jewish communities around the country have been negatively affected by the vitriol in the dialogue around Israel, something I am happy to that Louisville has managed to avoid.

One of the highlights of the annual Plenum is the Resolutions session, an opportunity for Jewish communities around the country to craft proposals on Jewish policy guidelines, and for the communities to vote on it. This year there were two proposals.

The first one had to do with Wage Theft, a real problem affecting low wage workers who often do not have the ability to fight for the wages they rightfully earned. The resolution called for, among other things, advocating for increased funding for State and Federal agencies that enforce outstanding judgments against employers who owe money to their employees.

The other resolution had to do with the issue of climate change, urging Jewish communities to advocate for stronger international agreements and domestic policy, and deeper Jewish environmental education and engagement.

## Methodists and Presbyterians

As some of you know, both the Methodists and Presbyterians are having their bi-annual meeting this month, and both are considering resolutions that

are one sided in their criticism of Israel, and seek to punish Israel (and not any other countries whose human rights records are far worse).

Our national leadership has taken up the fight, and is working with other faith leaders in the respective Protestant communities. Thankfully our efforts have proven fruitful, as the Methodists have rejected all four anti-Israel resolutions and have even gone so far as to accept a recommendation to withdraw from the U.S. Campaign to End the Occupation, widely considered an anti-Zionist group.

We are hopeful that the resolutions before the Presbyterians will be defeated as well, and we will know soon enough.

But this was another theme of the JCPA conference, that while good relations with our neighbors from other faiths are important in their own right, but they can also help on other issues like Israel advocacy. Our good relations with members of the Presbyterian and Methodist communities allows our national leadership to have fruitful conversations about Israel and many other topics.

## CHALLENGE

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This is your chance to double your impact. And together, we will give more children the opportunity to experience the joy of Summer Camp.

There's more! The JCC has recently been invited to participate in the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Day 3 Match Program. The program provides a 1:3 match on donations larger than \$2,500 to the Camp Department.

It's no secret that running a successful day camp requires a stellar staff, innovative programs and a variety of equipment and materials. You can help ensure the continued vibrancy of JCC's Summer Camp by making a meaningful gift of \$2,500 or more by December 31, 2016.

So, whether you can give big or give small, your giving will go further when you give to JCC Summer Camp. Pledge your support today, contact Lenae Price at 502-238-2768 or [lprice@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:lprice@jewishlouisville.org).

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# Cole Award Goes to Swansburg; Kaplan Award to Nibur

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Becky Ruby Swansburg is the recipient of the 2016 Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award and Laurence Nibur is the recipient of the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award, which will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's (JCL) Annual Meeting, Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at the J.

## Becky Swansburg

"It's an incredible honor to receive this award," Swansburg said. "Our generation is responsible for the future of Jewish Louisville, and I take that responsibility very seriously. Volunteering with the JCL is some of the most rewarding work I've ever done." Leadership in the Jewish community seems to run in Swansburg's family. Her mother, Mickey Ruby, was the recipient of the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award in 1989 and her father, Marty Ruby, was the recipient of the Kaplan Award in 1991. Both have been very generous with their time and talents through the years.

In fact, Swansburg remembers sitting in The J doing homework while her father was in Board meetings and hanging out with college students as her mom lead Hillel meetings. Today, it is Swansburg who sits in JCL Board meetings while her children are involved in activities at The J. Her parents were also leaders at The Temple and National Council of Jewish Women.

For the last two years, Swansburg has been chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council and in that position has served as a member of the JCL Board.

One of the most meaningful endeavors she has been involved with through the JCRC was the co-sponsorship with the PACE, The Pakistani American Alliance for Compassion and Education, of a Syrian family that immigrated to Louisville this year.

"Working with the Islamic community, getting to know the AlSaid family and helping them adjust to life in Louisville has absolutely changed how I look at our city and our country," she said.

Swansburg also enjoys the JCRC's interfaith work and work within our Jewish community to help religious institutions find common ground and speak with a common voice.

In her role as JCRC chair, Swansburg also is a member of the JCL Board of Directors. "I've loved getting more involved with the JCL Board," she said. "It's on an incredibly exciting path." She will be stepping down as JCRC chair, but has been nominated for a full three-year term on the JCL Board.

She sees her involvement with the JCL Board as exciting and important. "It is so important that our leadership across the organization is representative of both those who have been engaged for many years and those who are newer to the organization." The mix of experience and ideas they bring bode well for the organization.

She sees the Cole Award as a great way to encourage participation by young people. "Our young leaders are the people the community is depending on to take the lead for the next 30 to 40 years," she said. "Our parents did a great job and now it is our turn to do that for our children and grandchildren."

Swansburg's passion for JCRC's work is evident. In 2014, she won the JCL's Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award and the year before that she was chosen as one of 10 next generation JCRC leaders to participate in the year-long Frank Family Leadership Institute. The program gave her the opportunity to travel to Poland and Israel and to attend the Jewish Council



Becky Swansburg

for Public Affairs Plenum.

As a result of her experiences and her own dedication and hard work, Swansburg was asked to serve as vice chair of JCPA's 2015 Resolutions Committee and as a member of their board.

Louisville has a strong tradition of leadership with JCPA. Both Lewis D. Cole, z"l, and Marie Abrams chaired the national organization and Ron Abrams served as treasurer. "JCPA has a tremendous respect for Louisville," Swansburg said, and its leaders still talk about both past chair from our community.

Swansburg is a Louisville native who "was very active in the Jewish community, BBYO and NFTY," even serving as a NFTY regional officer as a teen. "When I went to college," she continued, "I was president of Hillel and was a founder and co-president of Interfaith Council at Middlebury College.

"When I moved to Washington, DC, to start my career," she lamented, "I fell out of touch with the Jewish community." She missed that involvement, "so when my husband and I moved back to Louisville in 2006, one of the things I wanted to do was get reengaged."

Swansburg is a member of The Temple's Board of Directors and has worked with its youth group. She co-chaired the popular PJ Library program and is active in YAD.

Swansburg is the chief marketing officer at Stonewood Financial Solutions, a local financial services firm. In addition to her activities in the Jewish community, she has served on the boards of the local chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Rauch Planetarium at the University of Louisville.

She earned her B.S. in political science from Middlebury College and her M.A. in communications from Boston University. Following her graduation, she worked for a U.S. congressman and briefly at the White House before returning to Louisville with her husband. She worked for Greater Louisville Inc. before taking her current position.

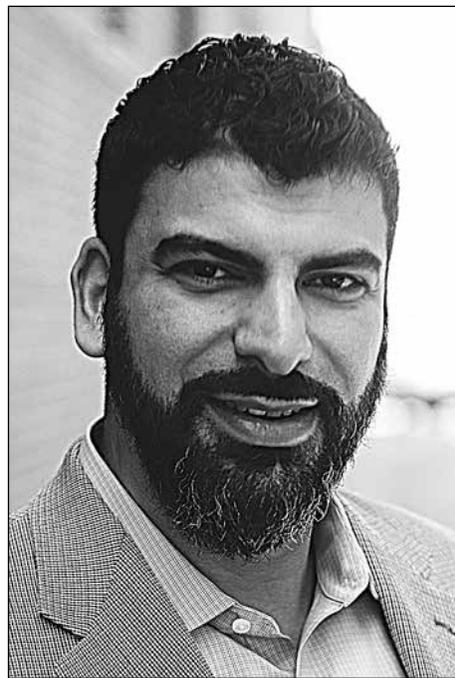
In the past, she served on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives and as a Teach Kentucky mentor. She was also named to Business First's prestigious 'Forty Under 40' list.

On the personal side, she is a member of Le Leche League, which supports breastfeeding women, and the Louisville Mothers of Twins Club.

She and her husband, Michael, have twins, Molly and Robert.

## Laurence Nibur

For Laurence Nibur, being a leader and active participant in the Jewish



Laurence Nibur

world is a core value, and to recognize his commitment, the Jewish Community of Louisville has named him the recipient of the 2016 Joseph J. Kaplan Award.

Nibur is a member of the JCL Board of Directors and has served as the agency's treasurer. He is outgoing YAD co-chair, along with Keren Benabou, is a past member of the Jewish Community Relations Council, a past Super Sunday co-chair, and is currently serving on the finance, and the endowment investment committees of the Board.

"The YAD Ambassador Program is my recent passion," he said. "We have almost a dozen 20- to 30-year-old young, passionate Jewish leaders who are ex-

cited and actively programming fun, unique, engaging events throughout the community. Whether it's a pop up deli with lox and bagels at Galaxie Bar, a summertime poolside Shabbat, career mentoring in partnership with Jewish Family & Career Services, a first Friday Shabbat dinner or just one of the happy hours, it's important to have a variety of activities, and the Ambassadors Program is delivering that for our young adults in Louisville.

"It makes me feel very proud to know that there is such a strong pool of rising young leaders ready to accept the responsibility for our city," he added.

"It's humbling to be included in such an esteemed roster of Kaplan Award recipients," he continued, "from our Mayor for Life, Jerry Abramson to a host of other standout Jewish leaders. I'm honored to have the opportunity to continue their work."

"Having attended Eliahu Academy," Nibur observed, "I share Mr. Kaplan's passion for Jewish education across our city. And, just as Mr. Kaplan was instrumental in relocating the JCC to Dutchmans Lane, I'm excited to be part of the Board of the JCL as we consider our community and what our future campus and presence in the city should look like for the next 60 years."

Nibur moved to Louisville with his family in 1986. He attended Eliahu Academy, was a member of Mu Sigma Resnick AZA in the BBYO program, and is a past member of the Jewish Community Center's Board of Directors. During his time on IU's Bloomington campus, Nibur was very active in Hillel and served terms as the organization's president and treasurer.

He is a past board member of The see **YOUNG LEADERS** page 18

## Bucket List Trip to Israel

All the "Must Go" Israeli sites on ONE trip.

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All of us have a bucket list – a few things (or maybe quite a few) that we want to do during our lives. Perhaps it's skydiving or learning to dance or taking a cruise.

If a trip to Israel is on your list, you're in luck. The JCC is going to Israel March 8-19, 2017. When you take this trip, here are a few places and experiences you'll be able to cross off your list: a Purim party in Israel, the Old City in Jerusalem, the Western Wall, Yad VaShem, Masada, the Dead Sea, a kibbutz and Tel Aviv.

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### A LETTER FROM CAMPAIGN CHAIR LEON WAHBA

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There still many members of our Jewish community who have not yet supported this year's Campaign. If we have not been able to connect with you please join us in making your pledge... with your help we can hit a homerun for those who are counting on us both locally and globally. Every dollar contributed to the 2016 Campaign makes a difference.

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- And for a family coping with trauma, your \$500 gift will enable them to get a month of counseling that might otherwise be out of reach.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Leon Wahba, Campaign Chair – 2016

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# Players Look to Give Back to The J, JFCS in Republic Bank Players Challenge

by Alexandra Ramsey  
Public Relations Specialist

The annual Republic Bank Players Challenge is right around the corner and it's time to sign up for a day that's jam-packed with golf, games and fun contests. This year's event will also include a Bourbon tasting.

The 12th annual Republic Bank Players Challenge benefitting The J and Jewish Family & Career Services is Monday, June 20, with a 10 a.m. tee time at the Standard Club. For the players, winning is fun, but participating is what's most important.

Mark Eichengreen has played in the Players Challenge 18-hole golf tournament for three years, and says the purpose of playing is far greater than getting a hole-in-one.

"I'm 60 years old and I've been going to the JCC for 60 years. I'm there until they carry me out," Eichengreen said. "The Players Challenge also benefits JFCS and I'm involved there too, therefore, I want to help as much as I can."

Eichengreen, who grew up going to kindergarten and summer camps at The J said it's an organization that's helped form who he is and he wants other people to have the same opportunity. The Players Challenge raises money to sup-

port both The J and Jewish Family & Career Services.

JFCS is a non-profit human services organization devoted to strengthening family, individual and work and community life to enhance self-sufficiency that reflects Jewish tradition.

Money raised will help subsidize counseling services at JFCS to help individuals strengthen their lives.

Similarly, The J is a human service agency committed to enhancing the quality of family life and promoting the physical, intellectual and spiritual wellness of the individual. It provides health-related activities and cultural and educational programs that serve the community at large, including at-risk populations. Membership and services are offered to the Jewish and general community. Other funds raised will go to helping families in need attend The J's programs such as summer camps and the senior nutrition program, and to support programs like the PJ Library and BBO.

The fun-filled day is full of sports, contests and games. Many people, like Eichengreen, enjoy the 18-hole golf scramble. For non-golfers, the Republic Bank Players Challenge offers a Duplicate Bridge Tournament and Canasta Tournament as well as an opportunity to wet your whistle with a Heaven Hill Bourbon tasting.

"It's a lot of fun! Old friends come and we play golf all day all while benefitting the place that's helped form who I am today," Eichengreen said.



Mark Eichengreen

"Anyone who plays knows they're helping to provide for families and kids who don't have the fiscal means to go to camps or seek counseling services," Eichengreen said. "What better way to help ensure other kids get to make the same memories I once did?"

Don't hesitate to join the fun with your friends and family. Now is the time to sign up. For information on how you can participate in the Republic Bank Players Challenge, contact Kathryn Fetter at kfetter@jfcslouisville.org or call 502-452-6341.

## CenterStage Collaborates with Kentucky Shakespeare

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

This summer, CenterStage is embarking on an exciting new venture – the company has established a community partnership with Kentucky Shakespeare. During discussions to explore working together, the two artistic directors, John R. Leffert of CenterStage and Matt Wallace of Kentucky Shakespeare, discovered that they had both scheduled the same play for the coming season.

Well, not exactly the same play.

Kentucky Shakespeare will be presenting the Bard's Romeo and Juliet July 1-24 and CenterStage opens their 2016-17 season July 7-24 with the classic's contemporary reinterpretation, West Side Story, by Arthur Laurents with music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim originally conceived and choreographed by Jerome Robbins.

Wouldn't it be fun to offer the two shows to the entire community in the same venue? It's a great way to offer something extra at the open-air Central Park venue and a wonderful way to get the word out to folks who've never ventured into The J about CenterStage's first-rate productions. And so the project was born with CenterStage remounting West Side Story in Central Park during Kentucky Shakespeare's Community Partners Week, August 2-7.

"This will be the first musical ever to be presented in the park," Leffert said. This collaboration presents both companies the opportunity to share and expand our audiences exposing them to two different genres of theatre with the hopes of opening their minds to each.

While the CenterStage cast of West Side Story will remain the same at both venues and the elaborate costumes CenterStage patrons have become accustomed to can certainly be transported to Central Park, the show will require some changes in order to work in the outdoor venue.

Kentucky Shakespeare's C. Douglas Ramey Amphitheater is an open air stage with a unit set designed to accommodate traditional Shakespeare plays. That means that the wonderful scenery Leffert's crew constructed for West Side Story at The J will be left behind and the CenterStage Company will have to adapt the staging to the Central Park stage.

CenterStage's season opener at the J will feature its largest live orchestra to date to play Bernstein's amazing score. The outdoor setting of Central Park is not conducive to a live orchestra and the music would get lost. To best fit the venue, the music, though still professional in quality, will be prerecorded with the singers performing live in order to fit the venue. Due to length of the show, some of the longer dance sequence will be shortened at the park to ensure the per-



Kentucky Shakespeare's Ramey Amphitheatre

formance is not too long.

"This is a very exciting opportunity," Leffert said. "Matt [Wallace] is my hero. There is no other individual I know who could have done what he has been able to do. He has given a gift to this entire community by saving Kentucky Shakespeare and giving it the prominence in

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#### MAY 27

#### JCC Family & Wading Pools Open

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#### MAY 28

#### YAD Comedy Night

Laughing Derby. 9 p.m. Ages 18 and over. \$15, two item minimum. A night of comedy with Steve Hofstetter. Stay after the show to meet up with the comedian. RSVP at [www.jewishlouisville.org/YADcomedy](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/YADcomedy).

#### MAY 31

#### JFCS Annual Meeting

At JFCS. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Jewish Family & Career Services will thank volunteers, present highlights of the year, announce the winner of the Mary Gunther Award and elect Board members and officers for the coming year. Desserts reception will follow.

#### JUNE 6

#### JCC Summer Camp

First day of Summer Camp.

#### JUNE 15

#### JCL Annual Meeting

6:45 p.m. JCC. The Jewish Community of Louisville will present the annual awards (See ad, page 15, for a full list), thank volunteers present highlights of the year and elect Board members and officers. RSVP to [mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org) or at [www.jewishlouisville.org/2016-annual-meeting](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/2016-annual-meeting).

#### JUNE 16-19

#### Weekend Honoring Rabbi Miles

Temple Shalom will offer several events honoring Rabbi Stanley Miles on his retirement. See ad, page 8, for details and profile, page 11.

#### JUNE 19

#### PJ Library/Shalom Baby Music Class

10 a.m. JCC Children's Place. Free music class for babies and toddlers up to three years old with local musician John Gage. For more information, contact Jennifer Tuvlin, [jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org).

#### JUNE 20

#### Republic Bank Players Challenge

10 a.m. Standard Club. 18-hole golf scramble, duplicate bridge tournament, canasta tournament, Heaven Hill Bourbon Tasting, contests, awards, prizes, silent auction. Benefits Jewish Family & Career Services and The J. See ad, page 19, or register online at [www.jfcslouisville.org/republic-bank-players-challenge](http://www.jfcslouisville.org/republic-bank-players-challenge).

#### JUNE 28

#### The J Arts & Ideas

7 p.m. JCC. Free. A conversation with Lucy Aharish, Israeli news anchor, reporter and television host. She is the first Arab news presenter on Hebrew language Israeli television. Open to the community. RSVP to [mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org). (See story, mCenterPiece page 1.)

# Pugh Wins Linker Award for Community Relations Work

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The 2016 Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award will go to Derek Pugh. The award, which recognizes a young adult who has taken on leadership responsibilities with the Jewish Community Relations Council, will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at The J.

Pugh is a newcomer to Louisville, so he didn't realize that there was an award to recognize young leaders in the community relations field. He is pleased to receive it and that it demonstrates the community's commitment to the future.

Originally from Cincinnati, he earned a degree in chemistry from Beloit College in Wisconsin. He pursued medical school and in the process lived for a year in Singapore and a year in Denmark.

He was drawn into politics in Washington, D.C., when he was recruited by the Roosevelt Institute to work on the White House for the Affordable Care Act. He quickly learned that "policy can affect people much more broadly than treating them one at a time."

He found his four years in the nation's capital exciting, and while there, he completed a graduate degree in public policy in the School of Professional and Extended Studies at American University.

Since coming to Louisville, Pugh decided this is where he wants to live and where he wants to make a difference.

Pugh is a communications and public relations professional with a knack for developing strategies and influencing target audiences. He has created and executed issue advocacy and candidate campaigns, ran a Super PAC and led movements from the bottom up as a community organizer.

As a campaign consultant, Derek provides relationship management, tactical strategy and campaign and program development to clients in the non-profit and private sectors, including the Chamber of Commerce, American Cancer Society and NextGen Climate. Previously, he analyzed, developed and advocated for legislative solutions to challenges facing America's economy in Washington, DC. His research has been published by several think tanks, and his work has been featured on numerous media outlets.

When Pugh moved to Louisville in 2014, one of the first organizations he joined was The J, and as he met more Jewish people, he got more involved. He met Jewish Community Relations Director and Development Director Matt Goldberg at a YAD Seder at The Temple. "He told me about things happening in the community and about the Jewish Community Relations Council how it affects all aspects of Jewish life in Louisville."

"It's something I wanted to see flourish," he said, "because my Jewish identity is very important to me, and I would like to see a more active Jewish community, especially among younger people." For example, Pugh was on a kickball team called the Matzah Balls in D.C., and he'd like to see similar activities here.

Since joining the JCRC a year ago, he has become an active member of the Yom HaShoah, Social Justice and Policy Committees.

One of the things he appreciates the most about the JCRC is that it brings to the table people with such diverse views.

He has learned that sometimes he agrees with one group and sometimes another, depending upon the topic. "People have more in common than they have differences," he observed, "and that is nice and refreshing."

Pugh has also stepped up as a YAD Ambassador to help engage the next generation of young Jewish leaders.

Last summer, he traveled to Israel over the summer and stayed an extra month to tour Europe, focusing on Eastern Europe, especially Hungary. As he learned about Jewish culture there, and his interest in the Holocaust was piqued. Back in Louisville, he discovered that Kentucky is one of the only states that does not have a Holocaust memorial. He is working with a committee locally to develop one that includes an educational component.

Pugh's interest in the next generation

of Jewish leaders extends to teens as well. In February, he presented a panel discussion on The Importance of Civic Engagement at the BBYO International Convention in Baltimore.

In his spare time he enjoys outdoor activities and volunteering on the alumni committee of the Roosevelt Institute and the Democratic National Committee's first LGBTQ advisory board.

The Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award

Julie E. Linker was a young leader in the Louisville Jewish community with a passion for community relations work. When she died, the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award was established to perpetuate her name, to encourage young people who share her passion and to give them the opportunity to attend the Jewish Council for Public Affairs Annual Conference.



Derek Pugh

## Kling Award Goes to Tabler, the J's Facility Director

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Building maintenance is something that most people don't think about unless something is amiss. For The J's Facility Director Brian Tabler, building maintenance is what he thinks about all the time, working his magic behind the scenes to keep this 60-year-old building functioning as smoothly as possible so members and staff don't have to think about it.



Brian Tabler

For his constant vigilance and planning; managing a first-rate, dedicated team and meticulous devotion to The J and its building, Brian Tabler has been named the recipient of the Jewish Community of Louisville's Arthur S. Kling Award. It will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Tabler, a Louisville native started his career in sports. He earned a masters degree in sports administration with the intention of getting into golf and worked as an assistant golf pro for a couple of years. While he was working on his masters, he took an internship at Slugger Field working for the Bats, where he helped with maintenance, doing whatever was required.

In 2009, he was offered the opportunity to come to The J, and he's been here ever since. His career turn from golf to maintenance was unexpected, but Tabler is happy about it. Coming to The J enabled him to fulfill his dream of having a building of his own to care

for. "This building is older than Slugger Field," he said, "and it has a lot of challenges," but he is up to them.

"I love seeing new projects come together," he said, like the renovation of the locker rooms and the new entrance including the ramps. "I love doing projects and watching people experience the new part of the facility," he said.

Taking care of an older building can be frustrating, he admits. Since the elements are old, even things that should be simple sometimes become major undertakings, "but we always find a way to get things done."

Tabler insists that this award really should be for his entire department because he could not do the job alone. He named Larry Bischoff, who retired in March, Billy Chandler and John Dillon. "I've learned more from them than they learned from me," he asserted. "They've saved us tons of money over the years."

"If it weren't for them," he added, "I wouldn't be here." He wants to be sure they also receive the recognition they are due. "They keep me afloat," he said, "and if I'm not here, I know I can rely on them. They're always just a phone call away and they come in at all hours" - whenever they're needed.

Tabler and his wife, Julie, have two children, Andrew, 2-1/2, and Kennedy, two months, so he spends as much time as he can with them.

He loves the outdoors. In addition to golf, he enjoys hiking in the mountains. An avid sports fan, his teams are St. Louis in baseball and the University of Kentucky for basketball. He also enjoys metal detecting and reading.

When he was told of the award, Tabler was really surprised. He knows some of the prior recipients and is honored to be counted among them. He's also gratified to know that "people do realize and see the things that go on behind the scenes."

The Kling Award includes a stipend that will enable Tabler to take some training to learn some new skills.

### Arthur S. Kling Award

The Kling Award honors the memory of Arthur S. Kling who was a prominent leader in the Jewish community, serving as president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA), the predecessor of the JCC, and many of its committees. He was among the leaders instrumental in establishing the JCC on Dutchmans Lane. He was also instrumental in establishing the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Conference of Jewish Organizations, which ran the United Jewish Campaign.



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# Old Jews Telling Jokes Was Fun for One and All

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

If the smiles on people's faces and the excited buzz of conversation as the sell-out crowd left Standard Club on Saturday, May 14, are any indication, The J Arts & Ideas program, Old Jews Telling Jokes, was a tremendous success.

After a deli-style dinner catered by Masterson's, everyone settled in for an evening of levity. Emcee and professional stand-up comedian Mark Klein warmed up the crowd with a few short stories, always prefaced with the comment, "this is very funny," and kept the show moving at a fast pace.

The comedians, Bruce Tasch, Lowell Katz and Eddie Bornstein, each presented three short sets in his own unique style. Tasch enjoys telling humorous stories drawn from personal experience; Katz's presentation was laced with puns, many related to the now-retired proctologist's profession; and Bornstein presented some of his favorite jokes, many leaning toward the risqué.

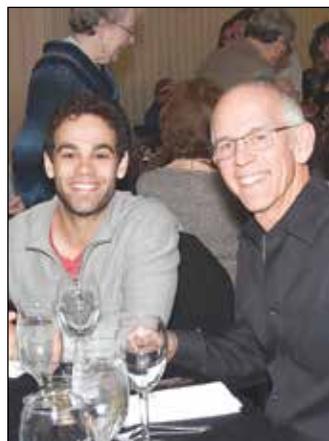
"One of the guests told me on Monday after the event on Saturday, 'We suddenly realized that during last month, we spent all the weekends at JCC programs,'" Senior Adult Programming and Cultural Arts Director Slava Nelson reported. The individual continued, "and we never attended anything but CenterStage performances. We and our friends who joined us, really enjoyed both of the J Arts and Ideas programs – an evening with Steve Katz and Old Jews Telling Jokes."

This was the second sell-out program in the new J Arts & Ideas series, made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Slava Nelson, Senior Adult Programming and Cultural Arts director, coordinated the program and John Leffert, CenterStage Artistic Director and Arts and Ideas director, directs the program.

Next up: A Conversation with Lucy Aharish, the first female Arab news anchor on Hebrew language Israeli television, on Tuesday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at The J. See story, CenterPiece, page 1.



Mark Klein, Bruce Tasch, Eddie Bornstein and Lowell Katz made sure everyone had a great time.



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# Community Celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut at the J

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

After many, many days of rain, it seemed as if The J put in a special order for a beautiful, sunny day for its celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day on Sunday, May 22. Warm temperatures and a light breeze made it a perfect afternoon for a concert and family-friendly activities.

In Israel, Yom Ha'atzmaut, which was actually marked on May 13, is the day before Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, which honors all those who gave their lives in defense of the Jewish State. So it was at the J. The afternoon started with a brief ceremony, led by Cantor David Lipp, to commemorate Israel's fallen.

Cantor Lipp noted that Israel is now 68, and he was looking for a way to tie his comments in with the Hebrew letter equivalent of 68. After playing with it for a while, he settled on the equivalents for 60 and 80, samach and fe, which form the Hebrew word saf – threshold. He expressed the hope that Israel is on the threshold of “more hopefully good inter-

esting times and not so challenging interesting times.”

Lior Yaron, community leader and businessperson in Louisville and in Israel, who is also a veteran of the Israel Defense Forces, spoke briefly. He explained that with the establishment of Israel, for holidays were added to the Jewish calendar – Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Commemoration Day; Yom Hazikaron; Yom Ha'atzmaut; and Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day.

Yom Hazikaron, he described, as a solemn time when places of entertainment and many businesses are closed in recognition of the people who gave their lives for the State of Israel. To pay tribute to them, Yaron read an English translation of Haim Hefer's poem/song, “The Last War.” Each verse talks about the different servicemen and women with a suggestion of the combat they've seen, and ends with, “I promise you, my little girl, that this will be the last war.”

Cantor Lipp brought that part of the program to a close by sounding the shofar as a tribute to the two minutes the siren sounds in Israel when everyone and everything stops for two minutes. He read Natan Alterman's poem, “The Silver Platter,” sang a special version of “Eil Malei” for Yom Hazikaron and led everyone in Israel's National Anthem, “Hatikvah.”

Then the fun began. Cantor Shiree Kidron performed a concert of Israeli popular songs and often encouraged everyone to sing with her. There were face painting, friendship bracelet making and cotton candy.

Children enjoyed playing in an inflatable bounce house and there was Israeli style food available for purchase.

The Yom Ha'atzmaut Committee members were Chair Dovrat Netz, Amy Danino and Faina Kronenberg.



Cantor Shiree Kidron and her accompanist Oran Eldor



Cantor David Lipp



Lior Yaron



Oran Eldor, Shiree Kidron and Event Chair Dovrat Netz



## YAD, JFCS Presented Workshop

On May 19, YAD and JFCS joined together to host a career development workshop to help young professionals gain networking, social media & interviewing skills. The panel discussion featured Brett Hudspeth, Technology Manager at Humana and Erin Heakin, Career Specialist at Jewish Family and Career Services and was moderated by Lisa Sobel-Berlow, Engagement Specialist at Jewish Family and Career Services.



Brett Hudspeth



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# Yom HaShoah Commemoration Inspires and Educates



Yom HaShoah Chair Jeff Jamner shared a story from his mother, a Holocaust survivor, with assistance from Cantor David Lipp.



Professor Jennifer Kreder



Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport



Above, Rabbi Robert Slosberg; below, Rabbi Stanley Miles



Cantor Sharon Hordes and Rabbi Michael Wolk



by Phyllis Shaikun  
*Special to Community*

Each year's Yom HaShoah community-wide Holocaust commemoration program is special in its own way. While each inspires awe and reverence, this year's program provided an educational component as well that made the familiar feel new again. This year's Jewish Community Relations Council program took place on Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

In his introduction, Rabbi Robert Slosberg said that Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, was inaugurated in April 1951, as Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. It is observed on the 27th day of Nisan, one week after the seventh day of Passover and one week before Yom Hazikaron, the Israeli Day of Remembrance, which is observed to remember soldiers who were killed in military service to the country. Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, is celebrated the following day.

"Yom HaShoah is a time to reflect," Slosberg said, "to remember, share and learn from this unfathomable tragedy."

While the names of Holocaust victims rolled on a screen behind the dais, high school and middle school students from Dan Penner's and Fred Whittaker's classes and BBYO explained the significance of the candles, lit in turn by Holocaust educators, survivors and their family members. Candles also honored the memories of Jewish martyrs, unarmed civilians from many countries, Catholics, Protestants, homosexuals and gypsies, who were also victims of the Nazis, as well as many others who risked and gave their lives to shelter Jews. In the background, musicians Kathy and Matt Karr added a plaintive musical tribute to the ceremony.

Rabbi Stanley Miles, a member of the Yom HaShoah Committee, voiced a question that was probably on the minds of many in the audience. "It's now 70 years past the Shoah," he said, "and we are remembering them. But, who will remember them 40 or 50 years from now?"

He introduced the evening's speaker

by saying, "Professor Jennifer Kreder of Northern Kentucky University's (NKU) Salmon P. Chase College of Law is helping to make up for our losses with her work. She is teaching generations of students to help right the wrongs that have been done to our people so Nizkor, we will not forget."

Kreder, an attorney, is a professor of Art Law at NKU. She has spoken and written extensively about Nazi-era art litigation focused on the tragedy of the Holocaust and the art that was confiscated as a result. According to Kreder, the Nazis believed Jews were responsible for ruining culture in Germany. In addition to robbing Jews of their livelihoods and their lives, the Nazis also stole their personal possessions including countless works of art.

Beginning in 1934, many artists were banned from painting contemporary works. The Nazis, she continued, did not want modern art to corrupt their citizenry. Hitler loved Greek and Roman art and was planning to build a museum featuring classical art in Linz, Austria, his birthplace, to rival collections of the Louvre in Paris. To further his cause, the Nazis obtained lists of artwork held in government and private collections and set out to confiscate and smuggle the priceless pieces through Switzerland.

In 1939, Hitler called for the "unrelenting extermination of Jews and Jewish artwork." The pillage continued, and in 1942, the Nazis burned 5,000 paintings to exterminate all evidence of Jewish culture. They also created a traveling exhibit composed of undesirable works so people would understand what was banned and why.

The movie, *Monuments Men*, covered the story of a group of soldiers given the task of finding and saving works of art before their destruction or theft by the Nazis. Over 700,000 pieces were saved, but there was only a short post-war window for former Jewish owners to provide proof of ownership and reclaim their art. Most had been threatened and forced to make deals with the Nazis or had been arrested and had little time to take proof of ownership with them.

Millions of dollars of artwork were lost during World War II, and recovering the works that survived has been very

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## A Conversation with Lucy Aharish,

Israeli-Arab news anchor, reporter and television host

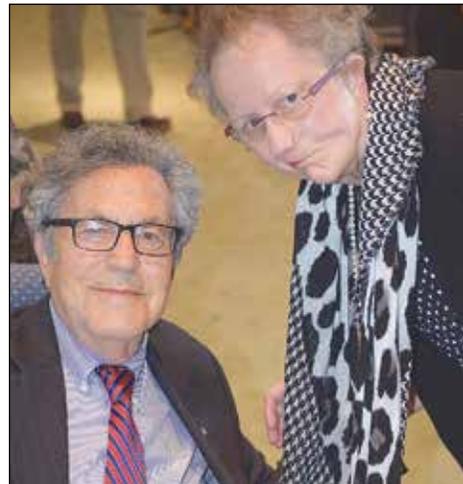
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Join Israeli-Arab TV personality Lucy Aharish as she shares her experience as the first Arab news presenter on Hebrew-language Israeli television. Noted for her fights against racism and promoting pluralism in Israeli society, Aharish was selected to light the torch kicking off Israel's Independence Day celebrations last year. She will talk about living in the shadow of a terror attack her and her family experienced at the age of six, what it's like to be an Israeli living Arab in Israel.

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# After 39 Years, Rabbi Miles Retires from Temple Shalom

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

After 39 years of service to Temple Shalom, Rabbi Stanley Miles will be retiring on June 30. To honor him, the congregation invites the community to an open house reception on Sunday, June 19, from 2-4 p.m. at Temple Shalom. He will also be honored at services Friday, June 17, at 6:15 p.m.

Rabbi Miles grew up in Terre Haute, IN, and earned his A.B. from Indiana University in 1970, his Masters in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 1973, and he received his rabbinic ordination in 1975.

After spending three years at Temple Sinai in Lake Charles, LA, he came to Louisville to serve as rabbi of the then fledgling Temple Shalom on August 1, 1978.

"I fell in love with the Louisville Jewish community the first time I came to Louisville in 1968," he said. "I hadn't met Sheilah [Abramson, who later became his wife] at that point. I was like, so many others, a college student at the Derby.

"The next fall, I met Sheilah when she began her studies at Indiana University. I was a junior, really fell in love with what I've always considered to be a strong and full service Jewish community."

"When the opportunity presented itself to come to Louisville and to become part of a new reform congregation, it was a given that this was path Sheilah and I wished to follow. We felt and still feel that Louisville is a great community and a wonderful place to rear Jewish children," he said.

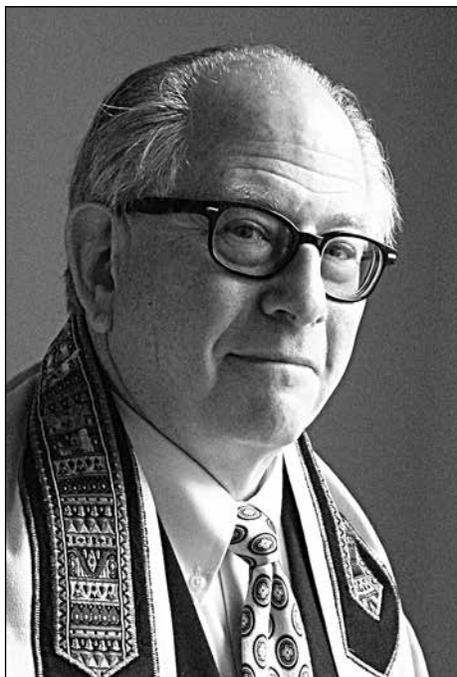
"When I arrived at Temple Shalom, there really wasn't one," Rabbi Miles quipped. "We were renting space for services and religious school at the Jewish Community Center. Services were held in Patio Gallery," he recalled, which was and is an art gallery. At the first service he led, the congregation was surrounded by an exhibit of drawings of nudes.

"Before I came to Louisville," he noted, "circumstances had prevented me from visiting the State of Israel. The class I was part of at the Hebrew Union College was a transitioning class between everyone doing the year in Israel and not, and I was part of a control group that did the first year class studies here in Cincinnati.

"The very first year I came to Louisville, the person who was the head of our Federation at the time, Norbert Freuhauf, made it possible for me to visit Israel for the very first time on a United Jewish Appeal Rabbinic Mission," Rabbi Miles recounted. "And I am so grateful for that opportunity. That was an incredible mission. I was able to meet face-to-face with two men who are giants of Jewish history for totally different reasons, Yitzhak Rabin and then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin, both of blessed memory. This trip really gave me yet another sense of the greatness and the international reach of our Louisville Jewish community.

Since then, Rabbi Miles has visited Israel many times, often leading congregational missions. Through the Jewish Community of Louisville, he became involved with the Partnership2gether program through which Louisville and a consortium of American communities in the Central Region work closely with the Western Galilee. Rabbi Miles was instrumental in establishing and maintaining a sister congregation relationship with Emet VeShalom, a reform congregation in Nahariya, Israel.

"One of my proudest moments," he



Rabbi Stanley Miles

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recalled, "was when several members of our congregation approached me in late summer of 2006 after the Hezbollah attacks in the Western Galilee that we needed to take a group of people under auspices of our Federation to help folks in the Western Galilee recover from those horrible days.

"In December of 2006, there were two community missions. On the first mission, there were 14 people and 10 of the 14 were members of Temple Shalom.

"Temple Shalom was really a journey," Rabbi Miles observed. "My first study was an office in the Glendale Office Center on Taylorsville Road. In 1980, the congregation relocated to campus of Bellarmine and finally, in the summer of 1981, we purchased a house at 4220 Taylorsville Road, which we remodeled into our first synagogue. The house still stands. It's once again a private home.

"On the first of August 1989, we opened the doors to our current location at 4615 Lowe Rd. It's a wonderful and unique building, once again with very deep Louisville roots in that it was designed by Gerald Baron, who today is a member of our congregation," he said.

"In fact, when you walk into our sanctuary and look at our bima, everything except chairs and flags, was designed and handcrafted by congregants - David Kling, Jack Silverman, z"l, Matt Karr, Barry Gallas, Connie and Randy Moser, Marie Rosenberg, Carol Savkovich, Esther Brown, Fran Kratzok and people who choose to remain anonymous," Rabbi Miles said. "The same thing goes for the foyer. The existing culture at Temple Shalom is truly a mishpocha [a family] where so many of us simply roll up our sleeves and get things done, not for any kind of intrinsic reward other than just doing what God perceives a Kehila Kedosha should do.

In recent years, the congregation has also developed a strong relationship with Hebrew Union College, employing rabbinical students as interns. Rabbi Miles has served as mentor for several interns and his strong program for them has earned Temple Shalom an excellent reputation among the students.

Rabbi Miles appreciates the cooperation he sees among the congregations, particularly in the area of religious education where he believes Louisville's transdenominational programs are ahead of the national curve.

He has taught at the Louisville Hebrew School and its successor, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad as well as the High School of Jewish Studies and the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning and even Eliahu Academy. He

also established the New York trip for eighth grade LBSY students.

"When I was growing up in Terre Haute," he explained, "all of my friends who belonged to the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation did a Confirmation Shabbat in New York. I was jealous.

When he came to Louisville, he presented the idea to the Hebrew School Board as a way to keep children in class post-bar/bat mitzvah. "Beginning in June of 1981," he said, "with the exception of one, we have gone to New York every single year as an eighth grade experience.

In 1985, when Temple Shalom began to have yearly Confirmation classes, he expanded this program to offer a Shabbat encounter for the confirmands, "giving our students the opportunity to worship in some of the great synagogues in the world, Temple Emanu-El, Central Synagogue and B'nai Jeshurun," he added. This gives young people from Louisville a chance to connect with American Jewish history and the largest Jewish community in the world.

During Rabbi Miles' tenure, the congregation instituted a regular Shabbat morning service and transitioned through liturgical changes, along with most of the Reform Movement from Gates of Prayer and Gates of Repentance to Mishkan Tifillah and Mishkan Hanefesh.

When he first arrived in Louisville, Rabbi Miles was active with a local Anti-Defamation League chapter, and later he became active with the Jewish Community Relations Council. "One of the greatest honors that I had in my years of working here in Louisville," he said, "was to serve as chairperson of the Jewish Community Relations Council during the early 1990's and to see the respect nationally that our JCRC had, respect well-earned because of people the likes of Lewis Cole, may God rest his soul."

In 1989, he received the Julie E. Linker

Community Relations Young Leadership Award from the Jewish Community Federation.

Rabbi Miles is an active member of the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors and has served as the group's president in rotation with the other members. He has also served on many Jewish community committees and participated in many Yom HaShoah and other communal programs.

He was a member of the leadership Louisville class of 1990 and served on the Louisville/Jefferson County Human Relations Commission as well as the Boards of the Louisville Science Center and the Broadway Series.

In retirement, Rabbi Miles plans to expand his teaching in the Melton program and will attend a seminar to enhance his skills in that program this summer. He has already joined the Board of CenterStage and is looking forward to expanding his role there. He will also continue to be active with the JCRC, Interfaith Paths to Peace, the clergy advisory board of the WHAS Crusade for Children and on the TV show, "The Moral Side of the News."

His wife, Sheilah Abramson-Miles, is also retiring and has become active with the Women of Reform Judaism regionally and nationally. At the WRJ convention in Louisville in November, she will become president of the Central District. In that capacity, she will travel to 36 congregations in Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan. Rabbi Miles plans to travel with her.

He is also looking forward to attending services as a congregant and spending more time with his children and grandchildren.

"I am so thankful to God that I've been able to spend over 90 percent of my rabbinate in this wonderful Jewish community at an incredibly nurturing congregation," he concluded, and to "those souls who help us on the journey."

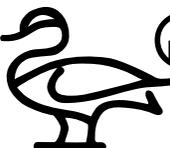
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# Honoring the Legacy of Rabbi Stanley Miles

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

Vice President of MissionKentuckyOne Health

The Torah describes two models of leadership: Moses and Aaron. Moses' leadership was stern and unyielding. The First Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rav Kook, stated that he

lived "a life detached from the mundane concerns of the common man." For the rabbis of the Talmud, this was a necessary trait, in order to be able to receive prophecy, and as a result he taught it according to its absolute truth, in order that "the Law pierce the mountain."

Aaron, on the other hand, "loved

peace and pursued peace" (Avot 1:12). He is described as being a "lover of people." His compassion was how he "brought the Torah down" and made it accessible, "demonstrating its beauty" in a way that others could understand and relate.

He saw the very best in people. It was his very love of others, and faith in them, that would inspire people to want to live up his expectations of them. He was gentle and unassuming, never one to take credit, but always behind the scenes, urging others to be the best that they could, in order to ensure the best outcome for all.

Through the centuries, Aaron's model of leadership has become a rabbinic ideal, and contemporary theories of leadership reinforce what the Torah laid out for us: when we approach others with love and faith in our hearts, then we will be most effective at encouraging others to live according to the highest standards.

When I reflect upon Aaron's model of leadership, I can't help but think of my beloved colleague, Rabbi Stanley Miles. His love, compassion, faith, idealism, dedication and commitment to helping others are truly inspiring. I will always be grateful for how he reached out to me, personally, the first week that I first arrived in Louisville, in July of 2002. He offered me mentorship and friendship, and through the years, he has continued to be both for me – wise counsel and trusted colleague, friend and advisor.

There are many reasons to love Louisville, and Rabbi Miles' spirit, kindness and rabbinic leadership have helped to shape many of these. In June, the Jewish community will have the opportunity

to share their gratitude, to celebrate his legacy and to offer up blessings for his next chapter. And I, for one, am very excited to say that Rabbi Miles has agreed to include in his next chapter, his continued support and rabbinic counsel to Jewish Hospital.

All year, Rabbi Miles has joined several of us at Jewish Hospital, as we work on a new program that will connect our hospital to the Galilee Medical Center in our Partnership2Gether region in Israel. This is part of our larger vision to ensure that Jewish Hospital's new place within its KentuckyOne Health family ensures that it continues to deepen and strengthen its Jewish identity and commitment.

This is only possible with the support of the Jewish community. I am personally deeply grateful to Rabbi Miles and, indeed, all of the clergy of Louisville that have pledged their support of Jewish Hospital as it transitions to its own new chapter.

It is human nature to be scared of change, but with the wisdom and faith of our leaders, we have the ability to transform transitions into opportunities. This coming month, we will all have the opportunity to thank Rabbi Miles for the loving wisdom and rabbinic leadership that he has brought to us all, and to wish him many blessings for the new chapter that he will begin as he becomes Rabbi Emeritus at Temple Shalom.

Thank you Rabbi Miles for all that you have done for the Jewish community and for Jewish Hospital, and thank you for your continued commitment to lead us into the future. May countless blessings be yours as we have been blessed so deeply and profoundly by you.



Jewish Community of Louisville

## Report of the Governance Committee of the Jewish Community of Louisville, Inc.

### JCL Board Slate Announced

Gilbert, chair of the Governance Committee of the Jewish Community of Louisville, Inc., announces the following slates for election at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community of Louisville to be held

**Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at the J  
3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205**

#### Nominated to serve 3-year terms commencing with the fiscal year 2017:

Mark Behr  
Jon Fleischaker  
Ralph Green  
Robin Miller  
Becky Swansburg

#### Nominated to serve as officers of the Board for fiscal year 2017:

Jay Klempler - Chair  
Jon Fleischaker - Vice Chair  
Bruce Blue - Treasurer  
Jeff Tuvlin - Secretary  
Karen Abrams - Immediate Past Chair

#### Appointed to serve on the Board in accordance with the bylaws due to the positions they hold:

Bob Sachs - Jewish Community Relations Council Chair  
Amy Ryan - Program Cabinet Chair  
Rabbi David Feder - President of the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors

Additional nominations may be submitted by petition to the JCL secretary with a minimum of 36 signatures by JCL members in good standing at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

#### The Governance Committee also wishes to thank the following outgoing directors for their Board service:

David Kaplan  
Jennifer Leibson  
Glenn Levine  
Rabbi Robert Slosberg  
Leon Wahba

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## HEIDEMAN

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have had their colons removed.

Heideman was surprised to learn he is to receive the award, which will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting, Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at The J. For him, "the rewards come in letters and pictures from all over the world" with touching stories of how the supplies he helped FOW ship make a difference for people – sometimes even saving their lives.

FOW is a nonprofit organization that accepts donations of ostomy supplies, money and time. In each of the last three years, the organization has processed and shipped 14,000 pounds of ostomy supplies worldwide. Those supplies are then distributed free of charge to individuals and clinics in third world countries where there is no access to them.

Both Heideman and his wife, Carol, are active with the organization. He usually works in the warehouse three days a week and does additional paperwork at home. He also serves on the nation-

al Board and serves the organization as treasurer.

He's been volunteering for them for FOW for about four years, and she's been doing it for eight. The Louisville FOW warehouse is the only warehouse in the country that does this.

Donated supplies are the leftovers that come from people who have had a change in their condition or who have changed brands and from families of those who have passed away. In addition, FOW sometimes receives donations from manufacturers. This year, they expect to ship close to 16,000 pounds of supplies.

Heideman is also president of Standard Club and has been on that Board for several years and is a member of the Landings Homeowners Association in Prospect. He's also a Board member at The Temple and, in the past, served the congregation as president and treasurer. For about three years, he and his wife and their daughter, Maureen, provided food for the congregation's monthly Shabbat dinners.

He served as a Jewish Family & Vocational Service Board member, the predecessor organization to Jewish Family & Career Services and has worked on several Habitat for Humanity houses.

Originally from Detroit, Heideman came to Louisville in 1968. He has a B.A. in marketing and advertising, and was a partner and owner of Louisville Manufacturing Company, which produced promotional products and merchandise with sports logos. That business closed in 1998, and Heideman continued working in the field until 9/11, when he started his own business, Quite an Impression.

Today he describes himself as a professional volunteer.

The Heidemans have four children and seven grandchildren. Maureen lives in Louisville with her daughter, Rachel. Julie Heideman lives in Chicago. Beth Zadik and her husband, Menash, live in Highland Park, IL, with their children, Maya, Noa and Ben. Robert and his wife, Abby, live in St. Louis, with their children, Tyler, Charley Rose and Austin.

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## DIAMOND

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to corner shul and listen to the sounds of the music, the chazzan and the prayers. I didn't know Hebrew or the prayers, but they made impact on me."

At age 9 or 10, he was given the Hebrew name, Tzuriel, God is my rock, and at age 13, he had a bar mitzvah. His bar mitzvah teacher was a cousin, a Conservative rabbi in Flatbush, who happened to be a classmate of Rabbi Dr. Herbert Waller, z"l, who later became Rabbi Diamond's mentor.

While he was in the Air Force, he explained, "I asked the chaplain if he would teach me enough Hebrew to follow service." The chaplain agreed and also allowed Rabbi Diamond to read his books. "I was so overwhelmed by the story of the Jewish people," he said. "It gave me a wondrous feeling."

Rabbi Diamond had been considering a career in the Air Force or microbiology, but thanks to the connection he made with the chaplain, he decided it would be wonderful to become a rabbi and teach all the things he was learning.

Rabbi Diamond was advised to apply to the Jewish Institute of Religion (JIR). When he talked with the dean, he shared his feelings about Judaism and teaching and his doubts about his lack of preparation. Rabbi Diamond said the dean replied, "What you're saying is important, because I don't care that you don't have that background. We'll give you that background, but I can tell what's in your heart."

He immersed himself in six weeks of intensive Hebrew and night classes in customs, ceremonies and Jewish history, and when it came time to apply for the seminary, he was accepted.

Rabbi Diamond earned a Bachelor of Hebrew Literature degree from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and a teaching certificate from the College-Institute School of Religious Education and the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues. He went on to earn his Masters in Hebrew Literature, with honors, and was ordained in 1963. He graduated first in his class and was awarded a three-year fellowship to the College-Institute in Cincinnati.

Sometimes things happen that seem to be bashert – destined to be. For Rabbi Diamond, it seemed to be bashert that he would wind up at The Temple. While Rabbi Diamond was at JIR, Dr. Waller was at Adath Israel in Louisville and employed graduate students as assistants, one of whom was Rabbi Diamond's friend, Haskell Bernat.

When Bernat accepted a pulpit in Massachusetts, he called Rabbi Diamond and said, "I understand you've won a fellowship to study at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. You will hardly get any money for your fellowship. ... I've got the sweetest assistantship you can imagine. I work for Dr. Waller, and now I'm leaving and there are six or seven rabbis who are being interviewed for the position. I would like it if you could get that position. So he arranged for a meeting with Dr. Waller and the search committee, ... and the rest is history. This is my first pulpit, and I've been here now for 52 years."

Although following his ordination, Rabbi Diamond intended to teach in college and Hebrew Union College eventually offered him a professorship, his work with Adath Israel changed his mind. He enjoyed working with Dr. Waller, and when the congregation offered him a full-time position, he accepted.

When he arrived in Louisville, he found the community to be very welcoming. Rabbi Solomon Roodman of Anshei Sfard and Rabbi J.J. Gittleman

of Adath Jeshurun both reached out to him and invited him to speak at their congregations. This was a huge contrast from the experiences he had in New York where the Orthodox considered the Reform goyim (non-Jews) and wouldn't even talk with them.

At one point, Rabbi Diamond was offered a position at the famous Central Synagogue in New York, but after consulting with Dr. Waller, he decided to stay in Louisville. "It was probably the smartest decision I ever made," he said.

A highlight of Rabbi Diamond's career came in 1975. Adath Israel decided it was time to move from Third Street to the East End where most of its members were. "I was talking with [Rabbi] Leonard Devine and found out Brith Sholom was planning on moving, too. I said, 'Leonard, we ought to do it together and merge the congregations.'"

When the congregations first merged, they moved into the Brith Sholom building since Adath Israel had already sold its building. Dr. Waller, Rabbi Diamond and Rabbi Devine became co-rabbis of the new congregation.

Early in his rabbinate here, Rabbi Diamond discovered a significant lack of information about Judaism in the general community, so he started going out in the community to teach. He spoke at local seminaries and became an adjunct professor of religion at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a visiting lecturer in Hebrew Scriptures at Bellarmine University. He was also the first rabbi to serve as chaplain of the Louisville Jaycees.

During his years in Louisville, Rabbi Diamond has served on the executive boards of both Jewish and community organizations, including the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors, Jewish Hospital, the Jewish Community Federation, the Boy Scouts of America, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the American Jewish Committee, Council on Peacemaking, Senior House, the Jefferson Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center, the Louisville Free Public Library Foundation, Apple Patch Community for Mentally Handicapped Adults, and the Louisville and Jefferson County Youth Orchestra. He was a member of Citizens for Better Judges and for several years he was a volunteer tutor in the reading program at Dunn Elementary School.

Rabbi Diamond was the first rabbi to serve on the Board of the Office of Ecumenism of the Louisville Archdiocese. In 1999 he was recognized by Interfaith Paths to Peace for his work in promoting interfaith understanding and in 2001 was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Cathedral Heritage Foundation.

Rabbi Diamond and his wife, Fran, have six children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

### Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award

Blanche B. Ottenheimer was a dedicated and effective figure in the social development of the community. Working through a variety of organizations, she was an activist for non-partisan political reform, civil rights and social justice. She was largely responsible for Louisville's Model Voter Registration Law and other innovations in the secular life of this city and county leading to curbing corruption and restricting boss-rule, and clean elections. She conceived and founded the Louisville Conference of Jewish Women's Organization; she was one of the first women to serve on the Board member of the Y.M.H.A. (later Jewish Community Center).

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# Emily Benovitz Recognized as Federation Leader in DC

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Louisvillian Emily Benovitz now makes her home in Washington, DC, but it is evident the values she learned from her parents, Amy and Lee Benovitz, particularly the importance of volunteering and being active in the Jewish community have stuck with her. Benovitz has been named the recipient of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's 2016 Jerome Dick Young Leadership Award.

The Jerome J. Dick Young Leadership

Award recognizes individuals in their early 40's or younger, who exhibit the following qualities:

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- Potential for future leadership in additional areas of Federation and community life.

Benovitz moved to Washington sev-

en and a half years ago, immediately after graduating from the University of Michigan. She is the program director at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, an organization that is active in DC and around the country.

Its mission is to strengthen America's leadership in the world through development and diplomacy programs. It is a network of over 400 businesses, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), foreign policy and security experts, who support strategic investments abroad.

"I'm responsible for programs and events in DC and around the country,"



Emily Benovitz

Benovitz explained. "We do hundreds of events a year, from small dinners with high level administration officials in DC, to 500- to 600-person events around the country, an annual conference and a 1000-person gala dinner."

Her involvement with the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington started about five years ago. "I was selected to go on a trip to Israel sponsored by the Federation," she explained. "It was a Birth-right alumni mission and leadership mission for young professionals in DC."

Upon returning home, participants took part in an impact project to help better and connect with the community. "That's where it started for me," Benovitz said. "I had a job that I loved and had made good friends. I was ready to take the next step here."

Benovitz helped found Mitzvah Mavens, which has become one of the Federation's signature programs. "That's not surprising with my history and my mother," she said. Here in Louisville, Amy Benovitz established the Merry Mitzvah program and is always coordinating volunteers for a variety of Louisville non-profits.

Emily Benovitz' Mitzvah Mavens is a multigenerational group of women - young professionals and seasoned volunteers - "who get together to form mentor and mentee relationships and do good deeds around the community."

"I was on that committee," she continued, "and from there became involved in all sorts of other events and committees at the Federation. Soon I was on the Young Leadership Board."

There is a strong focus on the young leadership cohort in Washington. There are seats reserved for young leaders on committees and boards, and, she said, "a lot of mutual excitement between veterans and young leaders."

"I just kept saying yes to everything that was asked of me," Benovitz added. "I chaired a mission the next summer and took a lot of leadership positions. I was asked to be co-chair of Young Leadership, for the past two years and have served on the Board of the Jewish Federation and the Executive Committee. I'm only the second young leader to serve on the Executive Committee." She is the vice president of Young Leadership.

"It's a lot," she said, "but I've met fabulous people in the community and it allows me a lot of opportunities that I said yes to. I was surprised [by the award]. I didn't think I did anything special. I was doing my duty and something I enjoy."

The Dick Leadership Award will be presented at the Washington Federation's Annual Meeting on June 1, and Benovitz is excited that her parents will be there with her.

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# Meyerowitz Tapped for 2016 Nisenbaum Award

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The 2016 Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award will go to Laina Meyerowitz, who is currently BBYO's Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio Regional Board president and an active member of Louisville's Jay Levine BBG. The award will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at The J.

As Regional Board president, Meyerowitz leads a five-person girls' board which works closely with their male counterparts. The officers come from communities throughout the region. "We are in charge of all the regional events, ensuring that the people who are planning are doing everything that they need to do and that the events themselves run smoothly," she said.

Meyerowitz supervises all the BBG chapters in the region, and touches base with the chapter presidents to ensure they have support and resources they need to make their terms successful. She and her regional AZA counterpart, Jacob Spiegel, select the coordinators for the regional conventions, "and we are the faces of the region representing K-I-O at International Convention," she added.

Last year, she was the recipient of the Ellen Faye Garmon Award.

For Meyerowitz, being Jewish is an important part of her identity. Now completing her junior year at Ballard High School, she said, "I did Teen Connection in middle school, and as soon I got the opportunity to join BBYO, I jumped right for it." BBYO started as an easy way to keep up with her Jewish friends "that I've grown up with since preschool or even before. ... but it has become so much more."

Laina quickly became a leader in her chapter, Jay Levine BBG, and in the second semester of her freshman year, she was elected mazkirah, vice president of communications, a post she held for two terms. She also served a term as morah, vice president of recruitment, and n'siah, chapter president.

Along the way, she's attended many conventions and programs. Between her freshman and sophomore years, she participated in CLTC, Chapter Leadership Training Conference, a 12-day leadership development program; and last summer, she participated in both ILTC, International Leadership Training Conference, and International Kallah, both three-week programs.

At these conferences, not only did Meyerowitz acquire skills that she is using in her current position, but she made Jewish friends from around the world who have become like family to her.

In March of her sophomore year, she was the administrative assistant for the KIO (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) regional Kallah Convention. The program focused on "exploring your Jewish identity and the different aspects of Judaism, anywhere from Torah study to spiritual Judaism. It's a lot of deep questions and discussions and it's also the last convention for seniors."

At International Kallah, she also planned an exchange program with Or-

thodox Jewish girls from the Morasha Camp where the BBGs spent a night at Morasha and later in the summer, the Morasha girls came to Camp Perlman for a night. "We had a dance party and a discussion session where we split up into smaller groups and got to learn about the different ways that we do things and to see what was different and what was similar."

Last November, she coordinated the regional Spirit Convention along with Harrison Lippy from Columbus, OH, and administrative assistants Charles Bessen from Louisville and Abby Frank from Indianapolis.

She was also involved in planning BBG's six-fold sleepover. This program, which happens once each term, incorporates activities for each of BBG's areas of emphasis – creativity, recreation, social action, community service, Jewish heritage and sisterhood – in one night.

At Ballard, Meyerowitz is a member of Beta Club, Chemistry Club and Spanish Club. She's also an athlete, and in the past, she danced for a studio team and swam competitively.

As a bat mitzvah present, she visited Israel in 2011. She feels a strong connection to the Jewish homeland. She has family members who live there and would like to spend some time living there.

She hasn't made many decisions about the future yet, but she knows that she wants to use the things she's learned in BBYO to make a difference in the world. When she chooses a college, she knows she wants to choose a school where she can be involved in Jewish life. She is leaning toward studying art, design or communications and marketing.

She is grateful to the people who established this award and appreciative of the recognition. During her senior year, Meyerowitz plans on participating in the March of the Living, a trip that takes teens to the camps in Poland, including a march from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Commemoration Day and then to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. She will use the Nisenbaum Award toward that trip.

She is the daughter of Sandra and Victor Meyerowitz, and has a younger brother, Zev.

## Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award

Stacy Marks Nisenbaum loved BBYO and was an active member of her BBG chapter growing up in Louisville. When she passed away a number of years ago, three of her close friends, Stacy Gordon-Funk, Wendy Snow and Sally Weinberg, established a scholarship program to honor her BBYO legacy. Originally begun as a BBG award, in recent years the award's creators have given permission for recipients also to be young men who have been active in BBYO.

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Tony Levitan Awards  
Hillary Reskin and Daniel Levine

# 2016 Ellen Faye Garmon Award Goes to Abigail Geller

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The 2016 Ellen Faye Garmon Award will go to Abigail Geller. The award, which recognizes an outstanding BBYO leader, will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at The J.

"I am very excited to win the Garmon Award," she said, "and also thankful because the award will be very helpful." She will use it to help defray the costs of going to BBYO conventions. She also hopes to attend Chapter Leadership Training Convention next year.

Geller is completing her sophomore year at North Oldham High School, where she plays field hockey, is a member of Beta Club and serves on the Student Advisory Board.

When she was in the eighth grade, Geller decided to try BBYO. "My mom encouraged me," she said, "and my Jewish friends were doing it." Her cousin, Izzy Geller, was also involved. It turned out to be a good decision.

Geller began attending chapter meetings and conventions but was reluctant to take on the responsibilities of a chapter board member. As she attended more meetings, she came to enjoy it more — es-



Abigail Geller

pecially the local activities.

The time soon came when she chose to run for a chapter office. "I wanted to get more involved," she explained. "I felt like I was benefiting, but I wanted to benefit others." With encouragement from her grandfather, Harry Geller, and her cousin, she settled on gizborit, fundraising vice president, a post she has now held for two terms.

In this capacity, Geller organized a bake sale and a restaurant fundraiser and had sales of spirit-wear, pants and T-shirts, among other things. The biggest fundraiser was a Kizito frozen cookie dough sale. As a result of her efforts, Jay Levine Chapter's reserves have doubled.

For her, the most exciting part of the job is the opportunity to be creative. For example, she designed a sticker that the chapter sold at a convention.

As her leadership skills grew, Geller stepped up to do more, reaching out to other members to figure out how to do things better, ensuring that all parents are receiving emails and helping other Board members when she can.

In addition to BBYO and school activities, Geller is an artist. Last year, she was in the National Art Honor Society. Currently, she is doing three-dimensional art focusing on sculpting with wire and plaster.

She is also a madricha at Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, doing a variety of jobs to help the teachers.

For the past two summers she has gone to Beber Camp. This summer she will be traveling with her camp friends to Poland and Israel.

She is the daughter of David and Betsey Geller and has two sisters, Sydney and Hannah. Her grandparents

are Harry and Annette Geller and Alan Zemon and Colleen Cohn.

The Geller family belongs to Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

## The Ellen Faye Garmon Award

Ellen Faye Garmon was involved in Jewish life through BBYO, the Jewish Community Center and in the general community. The daughter of Estelle and Selwyn Garmon, Ellen died in a tragic accident July 1968. At the time, the Gamma Kappa Social Club, of which she was a member, established an annual award in her memory to help further the work of high school students who shared her spirit and the ideals that were important to her. The award is given annually and is funded through the sale of all-occasion cards.

# Levine, Reskin to Receive Levitan Awards

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Teens in our Louisville Jewish community gain leadership experience in many different ways. The J recognizes seniors who have shown outstanding leadership through sports with the Tony Levitan Awards. This year's Tony Levitan Awards go to Daniel Levine and Hillary Reskin.

The Levitan Awards will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:45 p.m. at The J.

## Daniel Levine

Daniel Levine is a senior at Ballard High School who played soccer throughout his high school career and this year was a member of the varsity squad. For the past three years, he has been the team's kicker.

He enjoys playing and says, "I tried to help in any way I could." He played defense and worked as hard as he could during practice.

Last year, he also participated in an Ultimate Frisbee Club. "Sports is a big part of my life, he added, "I love being anywhere near sports."

At Ballard, Levine is also class treasurer, a post he has held for three years, and has been a Beta Club member all four years.

During his freshman and sophomore years, he was a member of BBYO. He also used to help out at The Temple Religious School, working for Joyce Eise-man.

Levine spent many summers at Beber Camp in Wisconsin, where he made lots of friends.

When he spoke with Community, he said he would probably attend Indiana University Bloomington in the fall and is leaning toward studying business.

He is proud of his Jewish heritage and appreciative of receiving the Levitan Award.

He is the son of Glenn and Marci Levine and has a sister, Jordan. His grandparents are Ronald and Sonia Levine and Bill and Maureen Tarnopol.

## Hillary Reskin

Hillary Reskin is a senior at Ballard who played soccer all four years. She has also played at club and recreational soccer throughout her life. "I started playing when I was three," she said. "I

played a lot of sports and have always been athletically minded."

Her freshman year, she played both field hockey and soccer before deciding to stick with soccer.

"I appreciate sports and learned a lot of life lessons," she said, explaining that she even included enumerated patience, teamwork, leadership and positive attitude in her college application essays as things she learned through sports.

During her senior year, Reskin said, her high school team struggled through a difficult coaching change. "The seniors took up the leadership role and took charge," she said. We had a lot of losses, and I was able to teach the players to continue, not give up and to help other players." She was recognized for her efforts with a Bruin Award that recognized four years of leadership, spirit, positive attitude and her ability to play any position.

Reskin also participated in the Maccabi Games, and in 2012 brought home 11 medals. "I loved the games," she said, "and one day, I hope to get involved like Evan Rowe." Rowe coached Louisville's Maccabi delegation. She still maintains friendships she made at the games.

Reskin also wrote several Purim shpils that were included in joint Keneseth Israel/Temple Shalom Purim celebrations. During her freshman year, she was a member of BBYO and served as the Jay Levine BBG's shlichah, vice president of Jewish heritage.

This fall, she will be attending Ohio University's School of Media and Communications in Athens, OH, where she plans on studying film and history. While she does not plan on playing college varsity sports, Reskin expects to participate in club or intramural sports. She also plans to connect with Hillel on campus.

Reskin is excited about getting the award and grateful for it.

She is the daughter of Rhonda and Jim Reskin and has a brother, Eric, and a sister, Sophie. The family belongs to Keneseth Israel Congregation.

## Tony Levitan Awards

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# At JCCA Biennial, Louisville Delegation Was Inspired; Jeff Tuvlin Shone

by Sara Klein Wagner  
President and CEO  
Jewish Community of Louisville

Imagine if we could ... “see ourselves in a world in ways we have never seen before?” Lisa Eisen, vice president Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation.

Why did this one specific slide from one presentation at the three day JCCA Biennial pop out capturing my attention? There were countless sessions, informal dialogues, roundtable discussions and presenters at the JCCA Biennial in Baltimore but this one slide caught my eye in a JTALKS Plenary entitled, “What needs to be done to create a thriving Jewish Community Center for the next 100 years?”

Perhaps the quote helped to sharpen the other thought provoking, fun and inspiring conversations all around me, including understanding the changes in Jewish identity, needs and influences affecting everyone from boomers to gen-alpha (born after 2011). Perhaps, I just felt connected or proud that Louisville, Lisa Bergman Eisen’s quote was used to inspire an entire JCC entire movement to stretch their thinking. Or

perhaps this is my final answer after I listened to our Louisville delegation of seven and others over three days.

It boiled down to this. The reality is, the future is here and we need to be active participants in shaping it to serve our community and especially in ways we have not before.

In a keynote, Amy Webb, author and futurist, Jewish 2.0 Rebooting the Future of Judaism, previewed how technology, artificial intelligence, bots replacing parts of the workforce and science will change how we engage.

We also know individuals connect to being Jewish or what it means to belong in different ways. This was a key take away from our delegation, including Esther Leah Ritz award winners Jen Leibson and Ariel Kronenberg and JCCA Board member and ELR Chair Jeff Tuvlin.

All three were energized by a session with speaker Avram Infield, noting it changed their thinking and inspired a desire to broaden our perspective as a JCC. For Jen that meant that, “we can’t sit back and expect others to lead us to the future. We must truly lead by example to positively be the change we want to see in our Jewish communities.”

For Ariel, it was Avram Infield’s mes-

sage that “the mission of the JCC and any other Jewish organization including, the State of Israel, is the advancement of a significant and continued renaissance of the Jewish people.”

Jeff agreed there were many thought-provoking and inspiring sessions this year. “The biennial, through the ELR, Esther Leah Ritz Emerging Leaders Institute, provided me the opportunity several years ago to be better prepared to lead in Louisville. I am honored to have chaired the ELR Institute this year as the JCCA continues to demonstrate our serious commitment to train future leaders.”

How is our JCC embracing the future? We engage thousands of people each year, strengthening, building and sustaining Jewish life in Louisville. Fulfilling our community’s long-term needs is at our core. We welcome and plan for all generations, recognizing the needs and interests of each are very different.

We know the millennials are the largest generation today and they approach the world differently than other generations. Millennials choose their own options, listen only to their own playlists, crave human-to-human contact and like to keep all options open. They are tech

savvy, smart, crave human values and want to make the world better.

We do not need to think of them as the next generation; they are this generation.

We also know that by 2017; 50 percent of the population will be over the age of 50. They will continue to be physically active and their children will have fitness instilled in their lifestyle. A growing population of retirees will grow our volunteer base, including those with incredible skills. We must tap into this resource to keep people engaged and channeling their energy and creativity to benefit the entire community.

JCCs have a responsibility to think forward. Whether we are creating a pathway for babies born this year to have strong Jewish identities, or we are focusing on the issues of the day, learning and growing together, or we are focusing on a holistic approach to wellness with an integration of medical, fitness, mindfulness and healthy living, this is an exciting opportunity for the JCC with the added benefit of including the social element people are seeking.

There are other forces and factors that influence who we are and how we plan for the future. While looking at trends to engage people in Jewish life, community and positive experiences, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the larger outside influences on the global Jewish stage beyond the walls of our institutions.

As we gathered together for the final plenary on anti-Semitism and the BDS movement, we were informed that a swastika had been drawn on the side of our hotel during the Biennial. Unfortunately, we cannot eradicate this behavior. We understand the role of our JCC, JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) and Federation is to be proactive in both education and speaking out against all forms of anti-Semitism and discrimination.

This too, is our responsibility and obligation as we strive to make our community and world a better place. Our JCC is open and welcoming to the entire Louisville community.

The biennial reminded us of the role The J plays in a vibrant community partnership with our congregations, JFCS (Jewish Family & Career Services), donors, JHFE (Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence) and, of course, the possibilities open to us as a combined agency with our Federation. We were also inspired to think of a new way to see ourselves and how community will be defined and built in the future.

## Paula DeWeese

In 1978, the Jewish Federation of Louisville had the good fortune of hiring Paula DeWeese as an executive secretary. If you ever dialed 451-8840, you would recognize Paula’s melodic greeting with her unique draw “Shalooooom, Jewish Federation.” Over 38 years, Paula has supported the community, our professionals, our Board of Directors and our volunteers.

Paula retired in April. We are happy for her as she starts this new phase of her life and so very grateful for her devotion and dedication. Paula really is more than part of our institution, she is part of the family – thirty eight Annual Federation Campaigns, several emergency campaigns, strategic plans, the creation of the Foundation, investment committees, Board retreats, the community calendar, software changes, etc.

Paula’s career with the Federation and the Jewish Community of Louisville has been a blessing for us all. On behalf of the generations of people Paula has helped with exactly what they needed, we know we would have been a mess without you. We all say thank you and we wish you the best.

## Bensinger Will Receive Male High School Grover Sales Cup

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Since 1969, Male High School recognizes an outstanding alumnus each year with the school’s highest honor, the Grover Sales Cup, for service to the community and to the honoree’s profession. This year, the Grover Sales Cup goes to Carl Bensinger.



Carl Bensinger

“I was so happy” to receive the award,” he said, “and it came as such a surprise. It’s one of those things you know about and never feel it will happen to you.”

“If there is a person I wanted to emulate,” he added, “it is Lewis Cole. He was a figure who gave all of us a desire to do something in the community. None of us could ever equal him, but [he set an example that was] something to strive

for.”

Bensinger is an attorney in private practice as Carl J. Bensinger and Associates, and he is licensed and has bar admission to practice in Kentucky; at the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit; U.S. District Court, Western District Kentucky; and U.S. Tax Court. He is also a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Army Reserves 100th Division.

He serves as an elected member of the Board of Governors of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists and is in *Who’s Who in American Law* in the fields of real property, probate and state civil litigation.

An active member of the Louisville Bar Association, he has served on several committees. He is also a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Professionally, he was twice appointed as a special justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court for specific cases, was appointed to the Kentucky Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, and has been nominated by the Kentucky Judicial Nominating Committee for openings on both the Kentucky Court of Appeals and the Kentucky Supreme Court.

He served on the Board of Governors of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Throughout his career, Bensinger has been an active in the community.

In the Jewish community, he is a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council Executive Committee, the Jewish Community Center and Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Each year, Bensinger and his family host a Seder at The J in memory of his mother, Judith Bensinger, and his sister, Margot Barr. “It’s really meaningful to people who do not have a Seder to go to,” he said.

In the past, he also served as a Board member of the Jewish Community Federation and a member of its Delegate Assembly and its Publications Committee, president of the American Jewish Committee and a member of its national Executive Committee, on the Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League and chair of the ADL’s B’nai B’rith Lodge, and on the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He has been involved in many civic activities as well. He was involved in the civil rights movement and worked with many of its local leaders.

He has served two terms on the Jefferson County Board of Elections. He served as chairman of the Board of Jef-

erson Community and Technical College Foundation and today holds the title of chairman emeritus.

He also served on the Board of Directors of Bridgehaven and on the Jefferson County Human Relations Commission.

Bensinger was appointed by Governor Brereton Jones to the Jefferson Community College Board of Directors (now Jefferson Community and Technical College) and by Governor Martha Layne Collins to the State Job Training Commission.

He served as a commissioner of the Jefferson County Community Improvement District and on the Governor’s Advisory Council for Volunteer Services and he is a past chairman of the Jefferson County Code Enforcement Board.

Bensinger has received a number of other awards. Long active in the Democratic Party, in 2010, he received the Party’s highest honor, the John Crimmins Award, for community service, volunteerism, devotion, financial commitment and support of Democrats across the city. He is currently a member-at-large of the 43rd Legislative District and has been bylaws chairman and counsel of the Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee. He is past chairman of the 32nd Legislative District of the Democratic Executive Committee, which he also served as member-at-large and counsel. He was president East End Democratic Club and has been either an alternate or a delegate to the Democratic National Convention for many years.

He also received the Public Service Award from Jefferson Community and Technical College in 2007 and was elected to the Male High School Hall of Fame in 1995.

Grover G. Sales was a Jewish immigrant who graduated with honors from Louisville Male High School in 1904. He earned a law degree from Columbia University. He served as an attorney for Churchill Downs for almost 50 years and was one of the best known attorneys in Kentucky. He later became a judge and is credited with stopping the Ku Klux Klan from organizing in Louisville.

In 1954, he celebrated his 50th high school reunion by “putting \$10,000 in the bank and starting the Louisville Male High School Distinguished Alumni Cup, which is given to doctors, lawyers, politicians and other celebrated persons,” said his grandson and namesake, Grover Sales. Sales continues the tradition of presenting the cup in his grandfather’s name today.



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## UofL to Offer Fall Course in Jewish Graphic Novels

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman  
Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence  
Chair of Judaic Studies  
University of Louisville

This fall, the program for Judaic Studies is very pleased to offer UofL's first course in Jewish graphic novels and comics, HUM 561-01, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2:15 p.m. I'm the instructor, and I am co-editor of *The Jewish Graphic Novel: Critical Approaches*.

In recent years the graphic novel has received considerable attention as an explosive cultural phenomenon. Today one cannot walk into any independent or chain bookstore without noting the ever-proliferating bookshelf space afforded for the display of graphic novels, as many in the publishing industry have become aware of their artistic and literary, as well as commercial, vitality.

As Hillary Chute asserts, graphic novels embody "an embrace of reproducibility and mass circulation as well as a rigorous, experimental attention to form as a mode of political intervention."

This course offers students a substantial encounter with the variety of challenges to Jewish identity and selfhood represented in the graphic novel's enduring fascination with the consequences of the erasure/repression, as well as celebration, of ethnic/racial origins. We will examine how graphic novels (and even the comics genre) can embody a powerful composite text of words and images that produces effects significantly different from more traditional forms of literary narrative.

And this creative power becomes especially striking when placed in the service of racial, religious and ethnic identity exploration, as Amy Benfer observes: "Graphic art is the artistic medium perhaps most suited to chronicling life as it is lived: as a visual record of physical action and change, and an emotional record of people as the sum parts of their speech, interactions and relationships with the outside world."

This course encompasses the profound influence of the Jewish imagination on the art of visual narrative in the creation of Superman, Will Eisner's pioneering tenement fables, graphic memoirs about Auschwitz (and even cartoons created in concentration camps), contemporary Israel and beyond.

Students will also have an opportunity to encounter startling examples of modern artists' engagement with biblical stories. As students will learn, graphic narratives from the United States, Europe and Israel are uniquely suited to the most quintessential narrative themes of the Jewish imagination: mobility, flight, adaptation, transformation, disguise, and metamorphosis.

The literary genre of graphic narrative and the medium of sequential art provided contemporary Jewish writers and artists, like Stan Lee, Will Eisner, Art Spiegelman, Joe Kubert and Joann Sfar, among others, with an instrument to portray, literally and figuratively, their boldly challenging concepts of Jewish identity.

The journey of this course will culminate with discussions of Michael Chabon's vibrant novel about Jewish immigrants, the Holocaust and the early history of comics, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*. In Chabon's masterpiece, he illuminates how in America the Wandering Jew (as comics artist) put on a cape and a mask, defied gravity, and set out to save the world – an act that others did not do for him.

## Louisville Teens to Compete in Maccabi Games

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, *Editor*

The Maccabi Games are coming and Louisville has a large delegation preparing to compete. The games will be from July 24-28 in Columbus, OH, and Louisville will be competing in basketball, golf, volleyball, baseball and girls' tennis.

For the first time in many years, Louisville will be sending a full basketball team. That means they have time to practice together before the games. Craig Goldstein, who is coaching the team, said, "The boys basketball team

is so excited to experience the Maccabi games for the first time. Our goal is to have fun, enjoy the Maccabi experience and hopefully win some games!"

While the Maccabi Games are an annual sports gathering, it is also a Jewish gathering. The participating teens, who come from across the United States, will participate in a social action project, have time to socialize and enjoy home hospitality.

This year's Maccabi athletes are Alana Borowick, Tova Frockt, Drew Goldstein,

Jacob Horowitz, Ben Kaplan, Adam Lapinski, Brent Mannel, Brad Margulies, Adam Rudy, Harrison Rudy, Eli Schramko and Ethan Tuvlin.

Mike Steklof, The J's Assistant Director of Youth Services, will head the delegation; and Kari Semel, who will be joining The J's staff in July, will assist.

The Louisville delegation's participation in the 2016 Maccabi Games was made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

## YOUNG LEADERS

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Temple, a proud Eagle Scout from Temple's Troop 30 and served as youth group adviser for TiLTY, the congregation's high school youth group for nearly 10 years.

Nibur has a very strong connection to Israel as well. "Almost all of my extended family live in various parts of Israel. I've been a dozen times, including last summer, and always look forward to going back."

Nibur has also traveled extensively, living in Sydney, Australia for 4 years; London, England for 4 years; and Chicago for 3 years, experiencing what it means to be a new arrival to established Jewish Communities.

"My wife, Laura, is a huge reason why I am able to devote so much time to the community," he said. "As an interfaith couple, we are actively involved in supporting her church as well. We both feel

it's important to give back to our community with time and resources when we are able."

The Nibur's have two sons, Hunter, 17 and Heath, 8; and two daughters, Isabella, 8 and Sloan, 7. "Despite a very busy family life," he continued, "prioritizing time to volunteer in the community is important to our kids' future."

Nibur is a graduate of Indiana University's Kelley School of Business and holds a dual Bachelors of Science in finance and marketing. He is the director of planning and development at Kindred Healthcare. "I love that Kindred is so active in corporate support of the community-at-large and the Jewish community," he stated. "They are a lead sponsor in our golf outing. I am grateful and proud to work for an organization with so many leaders connected to our Jewish community."

Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Lead-

ership Award

Lewis W. Cole was one of the organizers of the Conference of Jewish Organizations (the predecessor to the Jewish Federation) and a committed volunteer for the annual Federation Campaign. He devoted his life to the Louisville Jewish community.

## Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award

Joseph J. Kaplan was a devoted member of the community who was a leader in Jewish education and the served as president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA), the predecessor of the Jewish Community Center, and was instrumental in its relocation to Dutchmans Lane. He often encouraged people to remember the Jewish community in their wills. The Award was established during his lifetime and continues today in honor of his memory.

## YOM HASHOAH

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difficult. The statute of limitations has run out on most pieces and litigation, even against museums that currently own the stolen works, has often been unsuccessful.

Only two cases have been succeeded thus far: the family of Lea Bondi Jaray has received financial compensation for their "Portrait of Wally" by Egon Schiele, and Maria Altmann's litigation for the return of Gustav Klimt's portrait of her aunt, Adele Bloch-Bauer, which was immortalized in the movie, *Woman in Gold*.

Kreder believes it will take a new generation of art students to seek and receive permission to read archives not currently available to succeed in reuniting Jewish families with works of art belonging to them or to secure compensation.

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport introduced the Kol Nidre prayer by saying that the words have given comfort to people for a long time, perhaps dating from the Spanish Inquisition or before, and continue to have resonance today.

Cantor David Lipp interwove the chanted the prayer with Holocaust Committee Chair Jeff Jamner's recounting of a moving story his mother told him about an experience she had in Auschwitz.

In 1944 on the night before Yom Kippur, his mother heard that the Nazis were killing Hungarians. She was afraid the war would be lost. There was silence in the barracks after the lights went out. Every prisoner knew that the punishment for breaking that silence was death. But then a quiet, single voice was heard singing Kol Nidre. Others joined in, slowly at first, but then everyone began singing at the top of their lungs. She told him, "No one even heard us." He took her hand in his and said, "someone did hear you."

Rabbi Michael Wolk spoke briefly about the El Malei Rachamim, a prayer for peace for the souls of the departed, which Cantor Sharon Hordes then chanted.

St. Francis of Assisi student Ruthie Belza introduced Fred Gross, whom she called "a special man who lived through the Holocaust and has dedicated his

life to teaching students throughout our community and beyond about the wrongs committed during that time so they would not to repeat them. He also accompanies classes on an annual trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

Gross read the words of the Kaddish prayer and the audience responded after each phrase with the names of concentration camps, countries touched by the Holocaust and even countries currently affected by political violence

including Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur. He said, "Bless the survivors still with us and the educators of a new generation. It was a fitting end to an emotional and thought-provoking evening."

Members of the JCRC's Yom HaShoah Committee were Jeff Jamner, Jeff Barr, Fred Gross, Shannon Kederis, Cantor David Lipp, Jessica Loving, Rabbi Stan Miles, Derek Pugh, Jeff Slyn and Fred Whittaker.

The JCRC is a committee of the Jewish Community of Louisville.

## CENTERSTAGE

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this community it deserves."

Leffert and Wallace have actually worked together before as actors in a play at Derby Dinner Playhouse. They are eager to collaborate on this project this year.

CenterStage's 2016-17 season also includes *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Assassins*, *Funny Girl*, *Disney's Mary Poppins* and *Sondheim on Sondheim*. Season tickets are on sale now at [www.CenterStage-JCC.org](http://www.CenterStage-JCC.org) or by calling 502-238-2709.

Kentucky Shakespeare's *Two Gentlemen of Verona* runs June 2-12, *The Winter's Tale* runs June 17-26 and *Romeo and*

*Juliet* runs July 1-10. The company also offers all three plays rotating in repertory July 12-24, and you can catch the Bard-a-thon, all three plays in one night, on July 23. Check their website, [www.kyshakespeare.com](http://www.kyshakespeare.com), for specific dates.

*West Side Story* is next, then *Shakespeare in Dance* with the Louisville Ballet.

Get your tickets now for CenterStage's full *West Side Story* production at The J. Then catch Kentucky Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and wrap up with CenterStage's Community Partners Week show. All Kentucky Shakespeare productions are presented in Central Park at no charge, although donations are welcome.

## REVIEW

### Patsy Cline: A Life in Concert

by David Wallace  
*Special to Community*

For the fourth time, Melissa Shepherd is bringing her rendition of the life and songs of Patsy Cline to CenterStage and it could be the last time. Charlie Dick, Cline's second husband, who had given Shepherd permission each time to perform her one-woman Patsy Cline Show, passed away on November 8, 2015, and Shepherd is uncertain if she will be comfortable continuing to present it.

In the meantime, audiences are enjoying what may be the last time around for this much acclaimed show. Shepherd, with the assistance of her talented friend and Nashville veteran, Mike Fryman, are presenting a life and times perspective of Patsy Cline's music and the significance of Cline's ground-breaking career.

A glance at the playbill shows the variety of Cline's work: Cline classics such as *I Fall to Pieces*, *Crazy*, and *Walkin'*

After Midnight are mixed in with early Elvis (*That's All Right, Mama*); Bluegrass (*Blue Moon of Kentucky*); early rock and roll (*Shake, Rattle and Roll*); old standards (*Bill Bailey, Side by Side*); country heartbreakers (*Your Cheatin' Heart*, *Tennessee Waltz*) and gospel music (*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*).

Patsy Cline's heartbreaking voice seems to come from Shepherd's mouth in poignant fashion capturing its complexity and the tragedy of its unfulfilled potential. Cline died in a plane crash near Camden, TN, on March 5, 1963. She was only 30 years old.

Patsy Cline is no longer with us, but then again she remains alive in Shepherd's nostalgic rendering. Hopefully she will decide to continue her show, but if she doesn't, as Patsy Cline might say if she were here, "hoss, you're out of luck because the dang thing is sold out."

Let's hope there's a next time. Meanwhile, get your season tickets for the 2016/17 season, which begins July 7-24 with *West Side Story*, (see story, this page) before it's too late.

The review of *The Rocky Horror Show* can be found at [www.jewishlouisville.org](http://www.jewishlouisville.org).

# Holocaust Researcher Brings Closure to Survivor Families

by Alexandra Ramsey  
Public Relations Specialist

“You don’t see any tears but they are inside.” Happy tears that is. That’s what one thankful man said when Dr. Diane Afoumado found his original birth certificate from the concentration camp where he was born.

Every day, every second she’s at work, Afoumado is investigating, piecing together lives. Scribbled names line prisoner cards in black ink and fill death lists. Every day, solemn and heartbroken faces glare back at her from photographs. She scours camp lists, grave locations, immigration questionnaires and more.

Afoumado, chief of research and reference of the Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center, spoke about her job at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum during the weekly Chavurat Shalom meeting at the Temple on Thursday, May 12.

Dozens of community members gathered to hear how Afoumado’s job is unlike any “normal” job. She spends hours meticulously tracing the documents of Holocaust victims and getting them back to their families. Of course, the thank you tears are all a part of the process. But for Afoumado, her work is a passion and sifting through thousands of documents is all worthwhile.

“It’s rewarding to be able to say that I’ve helped bring closure to a family every day. My coworkers and I don’t leave any stone unturned,” Afoumado said.

The Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center ensures that the individual experiences of survivors and victims of the Holocaust and Nazi-era persecution are collected, preserved and

disseminated for future generations.

A native of Paris and cousin to Louisville Leon Wahba, Afoumado spoke about the Holocaust tracing process. She and her team search over 190 million scanned archived pages using the International Tracing Service database, to find matches of victims and survivors for families.

“We have people contact us every day searching for information on their family members who might have been victims of the Holocaust,” she said. A name, possible birth year and birthplace can help locate hundreds of documents about a family. Afoumado said that for many families, the pictures of their ancestors are the last ever taken.

Since opening in December 2007, the Resource Center has had over 24,000 requests and found information for 88 percent of them. Once the scanned documents are located, Afoumado emails them back to family members and then, well, the thank yous pour in.

“We don’t usually get to see the effect we have on families because we are doing everything via email. But I always save them and give them to our team,” Afoumado said.

Scanning, picking and reading isn’t the hard part of her job. She said what hurts the most is when her team can’t find family information in the database.

“Where did she go when she wasn’t allowed in to the U.S.? Maybe she tried again, maybe she didn’t,” Afoumado said. “This is archival material. Sometimes we don’t get the complete story.”

Even if she can get a small piece of information, she is pleased.

For long-time Chavurat Shalom member Irene Zahler, Afoumado’s program was a program she could not miss.

Zahler, 90, kept a sweet smile, joking

with other Chavurat Shalom ladies, a subtle Bronx accent evident in between laughs. But when asked why she felt she needed to come to Dr. Afoumado’s program, Zahler quieted and set aside her fruit cup.

She said this program touched her on a personal. Her disabled aunt was a victim of the Holocaust.

“My parents had to leave Russia swiftly. They couldn’t take her, they couldn’t even say goodbye to her,” she said. “With Dr. Afoumado’s program, I don’t think you can hear about the Holocaust enough.”

“To find out the places where families’ ancestors died means they might be able to trace back belongings. It would be amazing to gather old rugs, silverware and paintings and get them back in the hands of their families,” Zahler said. Or maybe just to bring closure.

With Afoumado and her team’s help, families are able to get that closure on over 60 years of open wounds. To reconnect and retrace their lineage and to give a name to their loved ones who were stripped of them.

If you’re interested in tracing back your family roots from the Holocaust or World War II-era, contact the Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center at [resource-center@ushmm.org](mailto:resource-center@ushmm.org) or call 202-488-6130. You can also call toll free at 866-912-4385.

Chavurat Shalom is a weekly senior adult program hosted at The Temple that includes healthy lunches and programs every Thursday beginning at noon. For more information, contact Charlene Reynolds at [Charlene.reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:Charlene.reynolds@gmail.com).

Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Community of Louisville, National Council of Jewish



Above, Diane Afoumado  
Below, Leon Wahba



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# JFCS CALENDAR

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## JFCS FOOD PANTRY

### Suggestions for June

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## A Handshake Every Three Minutes



Speed Networking participants received custom business cards to hand out to employment representatives.

On May 12, JFCS Career Services counselors hosted an inventive way to connect job seekers with businesses. Using the speed dating model, more than 100 people participated in Speed Networking, where individuals had three minutes to pitch their skills to employment representatives from area businesses before moving on to the next representative and doing the same. JFCS staff prepared participants with networking skills by performing mock interviews.

Company representatives praised the concept: “(We talked to) very high quality, interview ready candidates,” one said. Another representative commented, “I got lots of good feedback and future prospects.” Another Speed Networking event will occur later this summer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT JFCS

### 108th JFCS Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, May 31**  
**7:30p.m. at JFCS**  
 The Board of Directors of JFCS invites the community, donors and volunteers to attend our 108th Annual Meeting.

**Continuing a Tradition of Service**  
 Volunteers will speak about their experiences being a part of a supportive and caring community. Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell, and Board President, Stephanie Mutchnick, will highlight the year’s accomplishments. The Mary Gunther Award will be given to the best JFCS program of 2015, followed by the election of next year’s Board of Directors. Desserts and coffee will be served at this special event. To reserve a seat, contact Kathryn Fetter at [kfetter@jfcsloouisville.org](mailto:kfetter@jfcsloouisville.org).



## CAREER SERVICES

### JULY 2 Meet and Mingle Networking Night

**6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at JFCS**  
 Join an energetic group of young professionals for a night of casual networking. Learn about JFCS’ mission to support the community through professional development, career coaching and more: [bit.ly/jfcs\\_network](http://bit.ly/jfcs_network)

### JULY 5 - JULY 26 A.C.T. Preparation Workshop

**7 - 9 p.m. at JFCS**  
 High school juniors and seniors learn ACT test strategies and improve test scores. Contact Janet Poole at JFCS for more info.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY KCCGO! Orientation at Kentucky Career Center

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**Sunday, August 21 at 12 p.m.**  
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## SUPPORT GROUPS

### JUNE 7 Caregiver Support Group

**4 p.m.**  
 Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Road. Contact Naomi Malka, 502-452-6341 ext. 249.

### JUNE 9 Parkinson’s Caregiver Support Group

**- 1 p.m.**  
 Meets on the second Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Connie Austin, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

### JUNE 10 Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group

**- 2 p.m.**  
 Meets on the second Friday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Kim Toebbe, 502-452-6341 ext. 103.

### JUNE 15 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

**10 a.m.**  
 Meets on the third Wednesday of every month at Kenwood Elementary, 7420 Justan Avenue Contact Jo Ann Kalb, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

### JUNE 16 Adult Children of Aging Parents

**7 p.m.**  
 Meets on the third Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Mauri Malka, 502-452-6341 ext. 250.

### JUNE 20 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

**12:30 p.m.**  
 Meets on the third Monday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Jo Ann Kalb, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

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## Family Section

# NCJW Helps Get Bill Passed that Will Increase Transparency in Child Abuse Cases

by Beth Salamon  
*Special to Community*

Family Court was established in Jefferson County as a pilot project 25 years ago. It was the first court in the state to focus only on the needs of families and children. Because of strict confidentiality rules, Family Court has always operated behind closed doors. These rules were initially meant to protect the interests of children, but in recent years there has been a paradigm shift in favor of greater transparency in these proceedings because secrecy in the system made it easier for abuses to occur and harder to remedy.

The National Council of Jewish Women's core belief is that progressive ideals put into action can improve the world. As part of our mission to improve the lives of families in Kentucky, NCJW, Louisville Section, hosted an educational forum on the child welfare system.

What became apparent from the speakers in the series is need for transparency and better oversight to hold the system accountable. For example, when children are taken from their homes and put into foster care, who is making sure that the foster parents and social workers are doing their jobs? Who is ensuring that grandparents have the funds necessary to take care of the grandchildren of whom they are awarded temporary custody? Who is checking the power of the state to take children out of the home and making sure the parents have due process? Who is making sure that

families are provided the services they need?

Based on what NCJW members learned, NCJW, Louisville section, made legislation to open Family Court to the public a top priority in the 2016 legislative session. In order to open Family Court, NCJW members worked with Family Court judges, County Attorney Mike O'Connell and other child welfare advocates to help pass Senate Bill 40.

SB 40, which is now law, is a first step in changing public perceptions of Family Court. NCJW believes it will shed light on the lack of funding and services needed to address the needs of families in the court system.

## LBSY NEWS

by Rabbi David Feder, Academic Director  
*Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad*

During Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad's final assembly, we honored a number of individuals for their accomplishments during this past year.

The following students in Kitah Chet completed their studies at LBSY this year: Danielle Evans, Zach Felsen, Kate Frey, Hayley Gould, Sam Haines, Ben Kaplin, Jillian Lustig, Noah Rosenberg, Sam Rosenthal and Eden Ungar

The following students completed Kitah Gimel and received the siddur (prayer book) of their congregations: Rachel Berdichevsky, Jonathan Bornstein, Sophie Doiron, Ryan Shaps, Jackson

Shrensker and Noa Yussman>  
The Agudath Achim Awards for outstanding students went to Rose Geller from Kitah Bet, Ryan Shaps from Kitah Gimel, Blake Tasman from Kitah Daled, Zachary Resnik from Kitah Hey, Clay Callam from Kitah Vav and Miriam Bird, Orli Feder and Yael Wagner from Kitah Zayin.

The Anita Zeiden Award for Hebrew Excellence in Kitah Gimel went to Rachel Berdichevsky.

The Marilyn Berman Award for outstanding students in Kitah Zayin went to Sophia Goldberg and Willa Kornstein.

Four separate awards are given to honor students in Kitah Chet upon the conclusion of their studies at LBSY.

The Herman & O.H. Landau Award went to Kate Frey

The Rose Sherman Award went to Eden Ungar

child, and benefit to the public and parties.

These courts should be opened because the public has a legitimate interest in the work being done there. Opening up the process will increase public awareness of the problems faced by the courts and child welfare agencies and better ensure accountability by all concerned.

In addition to the National Council of Jewish Women, SB 40 was supported in the legislative process by the Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, and Kentucky Youth Advocates.

The Charles D. Levitch Award went to Sam Rosenthal

The Kohn/Lustig Past Presidents Award went to Kate Frey.

Clay Callam placed seventh nationally for students participating in the Richtol Exchange Israel Stock Picking Challenge for Students, with his stocks appreciating 12.8 percent over the nine weeks of the challenge.

Rabbi David Feder placed third nationally among teachers in the competition with his stocks gaining 13.8 percent.

In addition, the new officers of the LBSY Board were installed. They are Leigh Bird, president; Robert Gates, vice president; Sharon Goodman, treasurer; and Mark Geller, secretary.

Special Thanks to our outgoing president, Sheilah Abramson Miles and the officers for this past year, Sharon Goodman, treasurer; and Leigh Bird, secretary.

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# TEEN TOPICS



## BBYO Senior Dinner

Picture at left.

On May 20, Mike Steklof had the seniors of Louisville BBYO over to his house for Shabbat Dinner. The seniors spent time reminiscing about BBYO and discussing their plans for the summer and next year.

## Jay Levine BBG Holds Chapter Convention

Jay Levine held their fourth Chapter Convention Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, after months of planning.

The theme was Cheetah Girls. The event began with bracelet making which led into a program about the LGBT community. The MIT (Member-In-Training) board then led a creative program. The night concluded with the MITs being inducted into Jay Levine BBG and the seniors giving their lives into the late hours of night.

After waking up the next morning, breakfast was eaten and a chapter meeting was held to reflect on the Chapter Convention. A convention is not complete without spirit wear and cute T-shirts were handed out to all the girls.

## Drew Corson AZA Inductions and Lives Sleepover

Drew Corson AZA held their Inductions and Lives sleepover May 21 and 22 at the Marvin's House. All AITs (Alefs-In-Training) were inducted into Drew Corson AZA and the seniors gave their lives.

# Confirmation, Shavuot Plans Announced

Traditionally, 10th grade religious school students in Louisville are confirmed on or near Shavuot. The following information has been provided by the congregations.

Congregation Adath Jeshurun held its confirmation on May 21, and the list of confirmands was published in the April 22 issue of *Community*.

### Keneseth Israel

Confirmand: Lilly Russman

### The Temple

Erev Shavuot, Saturday, June 11, 7 p.m.

- Confirmands
- Zachary Ellis
- Ethan Grossman
- Bailey Hatzell
- Hannah McCurry
- Spencer Schumacher
- Greg Schwartz
- Melissa Scianimanico

### Temple Shalom

Shavuot, Sunday, June 12, 10 a.m.

- Confirmands
- Kaden Hanks
- Saralee Renick
- Isaac Rosenbaum
- Bradley Waller

### Shavuot Activities

Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel Congregation and Temple Shalom will also participate in a joint Tikkun Leil Shavuot study session at Keneseth Israel on Saturday, June 11, at 8 p.m.

The Temple will hold a Tikkun Leil Shavuot study session on Saturday, June 11, at 9 p.m.

Anshei Sfard will have an Ice Cream Kiddush/Party on Sunday, June 12, the first day of Shavuot, after services to celebrate the holiday and the reading of the 10 Commandments. Services start at 9 a.m. and the Kiddush will be around 11:45 p.m.

# The J's Summer Camps Offer Fun for Kids; Peace of Mind for Parents

by Alexandra Ramsey  
Public Relations Specialist

Every year, The J's Summer Camps are in high demand, every year they give children a place to make memories and every year parents put The J first on their summer camp list. For the parents of three children, Kristen and Bryan Yoffe, The J is always their pick for sending their children to summer camp.

Kristen Yoffe said The J's summer camps allow her children to do what each of them love, and even more importantly, they give her and Bryan peace of mind.

"Knowing I can drop my kids off in a safe environment to highly trained staff members who are there every year-it's a safe feeling. And you want to know that your kids are safe," Yoffe said.

For the Yoffe's choosing a summer camp could be a bit unsettling. There's 8-year-old Owen who loves basketball camps. And then there's 4-year-old Claire and her deaf twin sister, Elizabeth; both of which love to swim.

Elizabeth's hearing equipment has to be switched depending on the activities she's doing, so it could be scary to entrust responsibility on a camp counselor. It could be difficult to find camps suitable for each of their children's interests.

Because camps include pool time, every camper is tested at the start of camp and placed into a swim level based on their skills. The staff methodically works on swimming with the children and sends home progress reports to parents.

Yoffe said the swim program distinguishes The J's summer camp from all other camps in the region.

"It's amazing to see the progress children make in swimming. Our kids amaze me! They come away with so many more skills than they had at the beginning of camp," Yoffe said.

Elizabeth can jump right in with everyone else in the pool, too.

"We have a planning and training meeting with the staff and Elizabeth's camp counselor prior to camp. The camp administrators help set a plan for how she can enjoy the camp experience and how to handle her hearing loss equipment," Yoffe said.

As for Owen, he can dribble around the court and swish the net at the Wylie Brown Basketball Camp. Claire and Elizabeth can have a pick from the wide array of summer specialty camps. There's culinary arts, theater, sports camps and special agent camps, just to name a few.

Yoffe said her children are never bored and excel in the camps they do. She wants every family to share memo-



Claire and Elizabeth Yoffe

ries like hers.

"Another selling point for us is the way camp weaves Israeli culture and Jewish learning in daily activities. The Jewish kids there come away with a stronger Jewish identity," she said.

Yoffe said it's comforting as a parent to see the same staff coming back every year.

"I feel like there are camps out there who have high staff turnover. The staff at The J genuinely love being there and they're very well-trained, Yoffe said."

In fact, The J's Summer Camps are ACA Accredited which means the staff has undergone a thorough (up to 300 standards) review of operations—from staff qualifications and training to emergency management.

People like 19-year-old Alex Reczek have loved working with the children so much, this summer will be his fifth year.

"I love working summer camps at The J! There's a different job every day and the kids are always surprising me with the funny things they do and say," Reczek said.

Reczek, an Environmental Studies Major at Stetson University, said he enjoys being guidance to the children.

"For the kids, getting to interact with different people and form relationships is so important at summer camp. I like knowing that I become a role model for them," he said.

Camp also correlates with what Reczek learns in ROTC at Stetson.

"In ROTC, we're taught to have to adapt and use critical thinking for different situations and summer camp helps me apply that better than anything," he said. "To be able to interact in different environments, whether its sports or arts and crafts, or even field trips, the kids learn to adapt and use their social skills so much."

Several of The J Summer Camps have filled up and time is running out. Don't wait, sign your children up for the time of their lives. Camp begins June 6 and lasts all summer, June 6-August 5 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with extended day options available from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Scholarships and discounts are available. To register, visit [www.JCCLouisvilleCamp.org](http://www.JCCLouisvilleCamp.org).



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## NEWSMAKERS

Louisville entrepreneur **Jonathan Blue** became one of the first U.S. company owners to sign a business deal with a Cuban company since the two countries' presidents, Barack Obama and Raúl Castro, agreed to normalize trade relations. According to *Insider Louisville*, the deal by Blue, chairman and managing director of Blue Equity LLC, is with Cuban entrepreneur Pedro Rodriguez, a Havana-based talent scout. Rodriguez will scout performing artists in Cuba on behalf of Blue's talent company, Blue Entertainment Sports Television (BEST). In an interview with USA Today, Blue said, "We've done this all over the world, so Cuba is just such a natural, close market. We're big believers in the long-term potential there."

Blue has been a force in opening Cuban trade not only for himself but also for all Kentucky-based companies. Last fall, he provided the impetus for a fact-finding mission to Cuba sponsored by The World Trade Center of Kentucky, as previously reported by *Insider Louisville*.

University of Massachusetts Medical School appointed **Schlomit Schaal, M.D., Ph.D.**, chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at UMass Medical School and UMass Memorial Medical Center. Schaal will leave her post as a clinician-scientist specializing in cutting-edge medical and surgical treatment of complex vitreoretinal diseases at the University of Louisville. UMass School of Medicine Provost Terence Flotte, MD said Schaal brings an ambitious vision for the department and will broaden the scope of clinical services offered to residents of central New England. Schaal begins in the fall.

**Halle Elizabeth Schulman** recently graduated from the Shenandoah University Conservatory for the Arts with a BFA in Dance Performance. Schulman was selected by the faculty to represent Shenandoah University on a three-week dance intensive at the prestigious Bardar Danseinstitutt in Oslo, Norway. She will begin her Master's degree in Performing Arts Leadership and Management this fall upon completion of a summer internship at the renowned Omaha Community Playhouse in Omaha, NE.

Schulman is the daughter of Butch and Robin Schulman and the sister of Benjamin, Matthew, and Emily.

**Eric Reskin** is a part of the MoveMe team that took home first place and a \$25,000 prize at the Idea U Competition in Lexington held April 22-23. Reskin's team, from the University of Louisville College of Business, earned first place in the Business Model category.

The team created a mobile application that matches users with potential workout partners based on compatible fitness activities, levels, and goals. The Idea U competition welcomed 51 entrants who represented 18 Kentucky colleges and universities presenting their own business concepts to a panel of judges.

**Noah Grossman** won the Youth of the Year award from Congregation B'nai Amoona in St. Louis, MO. Grossman is the son of Jeff and Marla Grossman and the grandson of David and the late Betty Carney. He was honored at a luncheon in early April. Grossman is a model of leadership and commitment to his Jewish identity serving as the vice president for communications and a regional board member of USY. He'll be a freshman at Indiana University this fall.

**Paula Cohn** won second place with her mixed media piece in the U.S. Bank Art Exhibition, "Celebration of the Arts," at Western Kentucky University.

**Joseph E. Kutz, M.D.**, co-founder of the Kleinert Kutz Hand Care Center and

world-renowned hand surgeon, is retiring at the age of 87.

Dr. Kutz's achievements in the medical field have impacted the future of hand, microsurgery and reconstructive surgery around the world. Patients worldwide, including the king of a Middle Eastern country, have received hand care from Dr. Kutz.

The renowned hand surgeon is part of, and at times, has led the Louisville Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) program, otherwise known as the hand transplant program, a partnership of physicians, researchers and healthcare providers from Jewish Hospital, part of KentuckyOne Health; the Christine M. Kleinert Institute for Hand and Microsurgery; the Kleinert Kutz Hand Care Center; and the University of Louisville.

The VCA program is the nation's oldest hand reconstructive transplantation program. In honor of Dr. Kutz's career and achievements in the medical field, Mayor Greg Fischer proclaimed April 27, 2016 as "Dr. Joseph Kutz Day" in Louisville.

**KentuckyOne Health** gave 480 bike helmets to students at Rangeland Elementary School on May 19. The Frazier Rehab Institute and University of Louisville Hospital partnered to give the helmets away and conduct fittings to promote good bike riding habits. Statistics show that wearing a helmet when on a bike can reduce the risk of traumatic brain injury by 85 percent.

**Brian Wallace**, president and founder of NowSourcing, Inc, unveiled what he believes is the world's first virtual reality infographic in April at South by Southwest Festival in Austin, TX. Wallace founded his Louisville-based company in 2005 offering video, animated and interactive versions of infographics. Now, he's made them in virtual reality.

**Carolle Jones Clay** and **Andy Blieden** are among those Mayor Greg Fischer named to the Historic Preservation Advisory Task Force that is charged with honoring Louisville's community heritage. The task force will work to define a system for taking inventory of Louisville's historic buildings, identifying the buildings and developing a treatment plan to preserve them. Clay represents Republic Bank on the task force and Blieden is a developer and owns Work the Metal.

**Steve Trager**, CEO of Louisville-based Republic Bancorp Inc, proposed the construction of two two-story medical and office buildings on a vacant lot he owns at 4208 Simcoe Ln.

Trager first proposed the plan, which includes a 24,000 square-foot and 16,800 square foot building, in 2011. He said the proposal has not changed and that he is simply renewing previous plans.

**Jewish Family & Career Services** is ranked as the area's 18<sup>th</sup>-largest home care agencies by Louisville Business First. JFCS has 15 full-time employees. **Judy Freundlich Tiell** is the executive director.

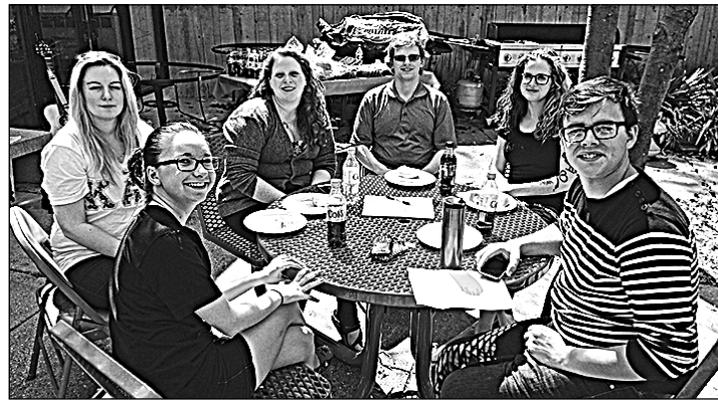
**Melanie Wachsman**, managing editor of *Louisville Distilled*, said the company is all about positivity and wants to showcase cool people doing cool things to make the city cooler.

Louisville Distilled is an online news feature website that was launched in September by publisher John Guthrie. It's part of the Detroit-based Issue Media Group, which operates sites in 15 U.S. cities.

**Amy and Bob Keisler** and **Anna and Allan Weiss** hosted a Seder dinner on Thursday, April 28, on behalf of Interfaith Paths to Peace at the Drepung Goman Center for Engaging Compassion. This is the second year they have hosted the Seder, and this year, the guests included Buddhists, Muslims Catholics, members of several Protestant faiths, Baha'is and Native American tradition.

**Davis Yoffe** earned his law degree and B.A. from George Washington School of Law in Washington, D.C., and has been admitted to the bar in Virginia. Yoffe is the son of Henry Yoffe and the grandson of Edward Yoffe and Irma Jean Fine Yoffe.

## Hillel Marks End of Term with BBQ



Students at Louisville Hillel celebrated the end of the school year with a BBQ at the Interfaith Center at the University of Louisville.

Clockwise: Ariel Reed, Jessica Heinz, Miriam Amchin, Jacob Efman, Lauren Kolaczowski adn David Borman III

## CHAVURAT SHALOM



Chavurat Shalom meets at the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing. It is a community-wide program and all synagogue members and Jewish residents are welcome.

### June 30

The program will be "Entertainment by Two of the Diamonds," a vocal and piano presentation.

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Kosher meals are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Walk-ins welcome, but to ensure that a lunch is available for you, RSVP by Monday of the week you plan to attend to Charlene Reynolds at 502-509-9416 or email charlene.reynolds@gmail.com.

Transportation to Jewish events, such as Chavurat Shalom, can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom is \$5 round-trip.

Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Community of Louisville, National Council of Jewish Women, a Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence grant, The Temple's Men of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism, and many other generous donors.

### June 3

Bob Mueller, vice president of development for Hosparus will discuss "How to Get the Most Out of Life."

### June 9

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport of The Temple will discuss "The New Prayer Book for the High Holy Days."

### June 16

Historian Tom Owen will present "Louisville Neighborhoods and How They Got Their Names."

### June 23

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will discuss "Israel - Can Bibi [Netanyahu] Still Lead?"



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## WOTR Offers Self-Defense Class

The Women of Reform Judaism will offer a free women's self-defense class on Wednesday, May 25, at 6 p.m. Class will be held at The Temple in the Heide-man Auditorium. To RSVP, call 502-423-1818, and ask for Matthew.

## Rabbis Host Shabbat Dinner

The rabbis of The Temple will host a Rabbis' Shabbat dinner on Friday, May 27, at 6 p.m. Brisket and vegetarian options will be provided. Adults are \$5, and children 13 and younger are free. To RSVP, call 502-423-1818.

## NCJW Holds Closing Meeting

The Louisville Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will hold its closing meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at 11:30 a.m. at Vincenzo's, 150 S. 5th St.

A panel including Jefferson County Circuit Clerk, David Nicholson; former Chief Judge Jefferson Family Court, The Honorable Judge Patricia Walker FitzGerald; Chief Judge Jefferson Family Court, The Honorable Judge Paula Sherlock; and Julie Lott Hardesty representing County Attorney for Jefferson County, Mike O'Connell will discuss "Where Do We Go From Here And How Can We Help?" The cost is \$30 per person. Seating is limited. RSVP by calling the NCJW Louisville Section office at 502-458-5566 or send a check to NCJW, Louisville Section, 1250 Bardstown Rd., Ste. 26, Louisville, KY 40204. A vegetarian entrée is available upon request.

## Lunch & Learn Meets at Bristol

Join Keneseth Israel's Rabbi Wolk at The Bristol, 614 W Main St, for a lunch and learn on Thursday, June 2, at noon.

The class is free but lunch is not included. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or call 502-459-2780.

## KI Celebrates Shabbat at Big Rock

Keneseth Israel will have a Kabbalat Shabbat birthday celebration on Friday, June 3, at 6 p.m. at Big Rock Park to celebrate June birthdays and anniversaries. Bring your own picnic blanket, food, drinks and games but save room for dessert. The community is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or call 502-459-2780.

## AJ Hosts Celebration Shabbat

Come to Adath Jeshurun on June 4th to celebrate your birthday or anniversary! All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of June are invited to participate in a group aliyah during worship services at 9:30 a.m.

## Temple Shalom Men's Club Has Speaker on Healthy Lifestyle

The Temple Shalom Men's Club will host Brandon Howard, a personal trainer and health educator, on Sunday, June

5, at 10 a.m. at Temple Shalom.

The community is invited to a \$5 brunch and to hear Howard discuss how to maintain a healthier lifestyle through fitness and diet.

Howard, with Baptist Health Milestone Wellness Center, is certified in therapeutic exercise and fitness nutrition.

Reservations are requested by calling the Temple Shalom office by June 2, at 502-458-4739.

## Adult Ed: Lincoln and the Jews

At Temple Shalom's First Adult Education program on Monday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at Temple Shalom, Murray Toborowsky will review the relationship between the American Jewish community and President Abraham Lincoln. He'll also discuss the controversies that affected the Jews during the Civil War.

Toborowsky, a former high school history teacher and lecturer at Rollins College, will focus on three major events that affected the Jews and how Lincoln responded. He will also touch on evidence that perhaps Abraham Lincoln was a Jew himself.

RSVP to Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 by June 3. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

## Chabad Marks Shavuot

Chabad will mark Shavuot with a series of study programs.

On Saturday, June 11, Chabad will host a midnight to 5 a.m. study program featuring selected sections of the Torah.

On Sunday, June 12, Chabad will offer a reading of the 10 Commandments followed by a "Make Your Own Sundae" event to commemorate the tradition of Jewish ancestors who ate only dairy on the original Shavuot.

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin will lead a holiday meditation for Yiskor on Monday, June 13, at 12:15 p.m. The service will teach families how to connect family members to loved ones who have passed away.

For more information on Chabad, contact [info@chabadky.com](mailto:info@chabadky.com).

## The Temple Celebrates Confirmands

The Temple will celebrate its Confirmands at a Confirmation Service on Saturday, June 11, at 7 p.m. The rabbis will bless the Confirmation students and the community will celebrate all the work they have put in. No RSVP necessary, and all are welcome.

## The Temple Plans Tikkun Leil Shavuot

The Temple will have an hour-long study session to commemorate the giving of the 10 commandments on Saturday, June 11 beginning at 9 p.m. The topic is, "Who gave us the Covenant in Sinai?"

## AJ Observes Shavuot

Adath Jeshurun will observe Shavuot on Sunday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. and Monday, June 13, at 9:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Yizkor will be recit-

ed during morning worship services on Monday, June 13.

## KI Celebrates Summer on Shabbat with Sundaes

Keneseth Israel will meet at Graeter's Ice Cream, 2204 Bardstown Rd., on Saturday, June 18, at 6 p.m. for Shabbat and Sundaes. All are welcome to enjoy a free treat (up to \$5 value) and to enjoy camaraderie. Reservations must be made by June 13 to [rsvp@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:rsvp@kenesethisrael.com) or by calling 502-459-2780.

## Open House Honors Rabbi Miles

Temple Shalom will host community-wide events to celebrate the retirement of Rabbi Stanley R. Miles. On Friday, June 17, the community is invited to a light appetizer Oneg Shabbat from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Temple Shalom. On Sunday, June 19, from 2-4 p.m., Temple Shalom will have an Open House.

Rabbi Miles is retiring after 39 years of dedicated service to Temple Shalom and the Greater Louisville community. See ad, page 8.

## AJ Marks Father's Day Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun invites the entire family to a Father's Day Shabbat on Saturday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. Fulfill the mitzvah of "Kibud Av", honoring your father, father-in-law, brother, uncle or any other special man in your life. The community is invited.

## Father's Day Movie and Deli

Adath Jeshurun will provide deli food and a movie on Sunday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a special Father's Day program. AJ will show the film, *Touchdown Israel: Tackle Football in the Holy Land* on the large screen, and serve food from Ben's Best New York Deli. AJ will accept reservations until Wednesday, June 8. Reservations can be made online at [www.adathjeshurun.com/deli](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/deli).

## AJ Offers Shabbat Lunch and Learn after Services

Adath Jeshurun has Lunch and Learn

sessions directly after worship services on Shabbat mornings. Rabbi Slosberg and Cantor Lipp lead lively discussions open to the entire community.

## KI Holds Jews and Brews Torah Study

Keneseth Israel hosts Jews and Brews, a one hour Torah study class with coffee, on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at The J's coffee shop. The class meets weekly and is open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or call 502-459-2780.

## The Temple Seeks Preschool Teachers

The Temple Trager ECEC is looking for infant, toddler and preschool teachers. Please call 502-423-1444 for more information.

## Rabbi David Leads Shabbat Morning Torah Discussions

The Temple invites the community to Torah discussions before Saturday morning services year-round from 9-10a.m. The class meets in Fishman Library with coffee, matzoh and other tasty treats. This class is taught by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

## KI Children Lead Shabbat Service

Join the children of Keneseth Israel as they lead a high energy service on the first and third Saturday of every month from 10:30 a.m.-noon. The children participate in singing and prayers and lead Ein Keloheinu and Adon Olam. The services conclude with Kiddush, challah and juice. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or call 502-459-2780.

## Softball League Seeks Players

The Mickey Miller synagogue Softball League plays at The J through August. Games are 6:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Open to those 15 and older. Contact Jeff Slyn, 502-426-5469 or [travistuxy@bellsouth.net](mailto:travistuxy@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## The Temple Marks Equality Shabbat

by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

*The Temple*

The Temple will host its Second Annual Equality Shabbat, "Creating a Welcoming Community," on Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and the community is invited.

Judaism teaches that the differences between humans are a divine act: God created us different and distinct from each other. Every one of us has our own face, opinions and orientation. Some of us have one sexual orientation, and some have another. We were all created in God's image.

Together with our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members, we celebrate the sanctity of every human life and seek to realize the divine image inherent in us all. The Temple is leading religious discourse that seeks to welcome LGBTQ members as equals in society at large and in our own community. A genuine invitation to join our community requires recognition of the unique value and life stories of LGBTQ people and celebration of the contribution they make to our Temple.

Through such an invitation, our own community will become richer and more diverse, while members of the LGBTQ community are able to enjoy community life and the additional meaning Reform Judaism bring to all our members. In order to expand and celebrate our invitation to the LGBTQ community, we established a new tradition of the Equality Shabbat.

During the month of June, The Temple will mark Pride Shabbat through prayer, study, and experience. The Equality Shabbat can help us advance from the stage of accepting the LGBTQ community to the stage of actively invit-

ing LGBTQ people to be full partners in our community.

Equality Shabbat is celebrated in June as part of a worldwide program of Pride events commemorating the beginnings of the LGBTQ liberation movement in June 1969. Since then, Pride Month includes parades, demonstrations – and prayers.

The schedule for Equality Shabbat 2016/5776, "Creating a Welcoming Community," is 9 a.m., Torah study (text study); 10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning services; 12 p.m., free kiddush luncheon, panel and community forum on hospitality and inclusion.

Guests include representatives from the LGBTQ Center at University of Louisville, The Women's Center at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Fairness Campaign.

The Temple has always promoted the two central ideals in Jewish teachings "Love thy neighbor" and "all people are created in God's image." Throughout The Temple's 175 year history Rabbis and lay leaders have been active in civil rights and in advocating for fair treatment of all people including LGBTQ individuals.

The Temple was Louisville's first Jewish congregation to hire an out rabbi. The Temple rabbis are active with the Fairness Campaign and have conducted same sex marriage rites since 1996 – including the first same sex marriage in the state of Israel. The Temple is a welcoming congregation and celebrates the contributions of all of its members. The Temple rabbis hope that Equality Shabbat will help to promote acceptance for and celebration of LGBTQ individuals in Louisville and throughout the region.

All events are free and open to the public.

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## Birth

### Shelby Nicole Schaeman

Julia and Scott Schaeman of Atlanta are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Shelby Nicole Schaeman, on February 26. Shelby is the granddaughter of Phyllis and Jim Fine of Louisville, and Arlene Schaeman and Jeff Altman of Henderson, NV, and the late Stephen Schaeman.

### Talia Yolanda Boggs Wenthe

Rebecca Boggs and Michael Wenthe of Washington, DC, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Talia Yolanda Boggs Wenthe on May 4. Talia is the sister of Shira and Samuel Boggs Wenthe, and the granddaughter of Danny and Judy Boggs of Louisville and James and Lee Wenthe of Edisto Island, SC.

### Xiang Xu Robert Boggs

David Boggs and Ran Xu are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Xiang Xu Robert Boggs on May 5. Xiang is the grandson of Jian Guo and Jun Xu of Long Island, NY, and the grandson of Danny and Judy Boggs of Louisville.

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Hannah Gabrielle Geller

Hannah Gabrielle Geller, daughter of Betsey and David and sister of Sydney and Abigail, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 4, at 9:30 a.m. at

Congregation Adath Jeshurun. She is the granddaughter of Colleen Cohn, Alan Zemon and Annette and Harry Geller. She is the great-granddaughter of Minnie Hall.

Geller is in the seventh grade at North Oldham Middle School. She is a member of the National Junior Beta Club, participates in KYA and plays field hockey. Geller loves spending her summer at Beber Camp in Wisconsin.

Hannah and her family would love for the community to join them as they celebrate this special time.

### Willa Sylvia Renick Kornstein

Willa Sylvia Renick Kornstein will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Shalom.

She is the daughter of Barry Kornstein and Nancy Renick, and the sister of Saralee Renick.

Willa is a seventh grader at Noe Middle School. She is a member of Beta Club and the Swim Team.

For her Bat Mitzvah project she is raising money for the City of Hope, a research hospital in Southern California that is a global leader in the fight against cancer, diabetes and HIV/AIDS. Her grandfather, Phil Kornstein, spent nearly six years there in the late 1940's and early 1950's when it was a tuberculosis sanitarium. Her fundraising page is at [ourhope.cityofhope.org/wsrkbatmitzvah](http://ourhope.cityofhope.org/wsrkbatmitzvah)

The Kornstein/Renick's invite the community to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion. A kiddush luncheon will follow.



## Engagement

### Heideman/Tipograph

Phyllis and Richard Heideman of Bethesda, MD, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ariana Michal Heideman, granddaughter of Esther Greenberg of Rockville, MD to Joseph Harris Tipograph, son of New York-natives, Sandi and Lew Tipograph, and grandson of Gloria Harris, formerly of Brooklyn, and Doris and Norman Tipograph of Hewlett Harbor, NY.

Born in Louisville, the bride-to-be, 34, who is a graduate of the Charles E Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, MD, received her B.S. from Philadelphia University and her M.A. from American University.

Formerly with WDCW-TV DC50, she is founder and president of Starburst Communications, a Washington, DC-based communications, marketing and events firm. Active in Jewish life both locally and internationally, Ariana is Associate Director of the Israel Forever Foundation.

Her father is senior counsel of the Washington lawfirm Heideman Nudelman & Kalik PC, representing American victims of international terror, and is the former president of B'nai Brith International. Her mother was a presidential appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, and is the president of The March of the Living International, the leading Holocaust educational program.

The groom-to-be, 36, who also attended the Charles E Smith Jewish Day School, is a graduate of Walter Johnson High School in Rockville, MD, received his B.A. from The University of Michigan and his Juris Doctor and M.B.A. from Emory University in Atlanta. Licensed to practice law in New York and Washington, he is founder of Tipograph Law, LLC, a Washington, DC-based law firm with a focus on antitrust and cyber security and has held leadership positions with the American Bar Association.

His parents own the boutique toy store, Tipo's Toy Box, in suburban Washington. His great-great grandfather, Morris A. Modell, founded Modell's Sporting Goods of Manhattan in 1889, the third oldest sporting goods store in North America.

An August wedding is planned.

## Obituaries



### Tracy Kushman

Tracy R. Kushman, 32, died Saturday, April 23 at Baptist Health Louisville.

She was born August 24, 1983 and a native of Pittsburgh, PA. Tracy received her Bachelor's Degree

from University of Louisville and was an associate with Michael's on Hurstbourne Lane.

Kushman was an Elton John fanatic, she loved *Star Wars* and was an avid Lego builder. She was known for her love of art and music.

She is survived by her parents, Frank and Peggy Kushman of Philadelphia, PA; her sister, Stephanie Butler (Grant) of Media, PA; her nephew, Leo Butler; and her close friend and companion.

Reggie.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements. Burial was in Haym Saloman Memorial Park in Frazier, PA. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Shamrock Pet Foundation, P.O. Box 24033, Louisville, KY 40224.

### Raisa Kremer Dikerman

Raisa Kremer Dikerman, 76, of Kishinev, Moldova, died Friday, April 22, at Episcopal Church Home. She worked as a nurse for nearly 30 years in Kishinev before moving to Louisville. She was a former EKG Technician at Jewish Hospital.

Dikerman was a natural caregiver, helping many and trying to lift everyone's spirit. She was selfless and would help people in the middle of the night and sometimes was repaid with their thankfulness with candy. While she was sick, she nominated a nurse for the Daisy Award because of the care given to her. She was a very intelligent lady who loved to travel to different countries and to go on cruises. Life for her was one big adventure.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Simon and Sara Kremer; her daughter, Anna Dikerman; and a grandson, Stas Eric Gray.

She is survived by her loving husband, Lev Dikerman; her daughter, Janet Naamani (Aviv); a grandson, Marat Gray; and one great-grandson.

Burial was in Anshei Sfarad Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Rd.

### Bernice Wolman Rosenman

Bernice Wolman Rosenman, 98, died Thursday, April 21, at Seneca Place. She was a former teacher, chemist and bacteriologist.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Ste-

phen Rosenman, and his wife, Pamela Cook, of Walpole, MA; three grandchildren, Julie, Kathleen and Mary Elizabeth; and her friend, George Matlow.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expression of sympathy may be made to ForeverHomeRescue.org.

### Armand Ostroff

Armand Ostroff, 83, died Monday, April 25.

He was a graduate of Male High School, the University of Louisville and the University of Louisville School of Law.

Ostroff began his accounting career at Waldman and Levitan. He was a founding partner of Deming Malone Livesay and Ostroff CPA through his retirement in 2001.

Ostroff was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, and was treasurer there for many years. A man of dignity, compassion and many interests, he was responsible for the establishment of Louisville Public Radio Partnership, and was involved in the formation of the Norton/Audubon Hospital Music Library. He was a board member of the Episcopal Church Home, Jewish Hospital, the Glassworks, the AICPA International Elder Care Task Force and the CEO Group of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his loving wife, Miriam (Shapira); his devoted children, Gwen (Scott) Heyman of Highland Park, IL, Lori (Tom) Roberts of Louisville, KY and Craig Ostroff of Northfield, IL; his adoring grandchildren, Jordan and Dana Heyman, Maya, Lauren and Isaac

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# LIFECYCLE

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Ostroff; and his sister, Beverly Geline of Gaithersburg, MD.

The family wishes to acknowledge all the care partners that were with him throughout his illness, the caring staff at Episcopal Church Home, and a special thank you to Dr. Jane Cornett.

Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Ostroff's memory be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun or the donor's charity of choice.

## Jonathan Ratliff

Jonathan Ratliff, 33, died Friday, April 29.

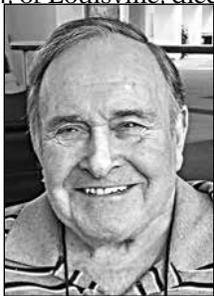
A native of Louisville, he was born on February 3, 1983, and was a construction site supervisor and USSA member.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca "Becca" Ratliff; his parents, Gary Coleman and Laurie Ratliff; his Godson, Leonardo J. Tichner, Jr.; his sister, Amanda Ratliff; and his niece and nephew, Landen and Laney.

A celebration of life will be at a later date. Herman Meyer and Son handled the arrangements.

## Myron Bleicher

Myron Bleicher, 84, of Louisville, died Friday, April 29, at the home he was fond of.



He was a proud senior mail sorter at the U.S. Postal Service. Prior to that, he was a talented metal engraver where he painstakingly hand-etched platters, trophies, and rings.

Bleicher's family will fondly remember extended vacations in the family car, his love of animals including his beloved Irish Setter, "Daisey." His family will never forget his insatiable reading of WWII history, his interest in astrophysics, and his deep love and pride in his family.

He is predeceased by his wife, Lillian "Libby" Schwartz Bleicher and his son, Fred Bleicher. He is survived by son, Kevin Bleicher (Carolyn); and sister, Sharon Pressman; and a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Anshei Sfarad Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

The family would like to sincerely thank his sister Sharon, friend Rose, and countless neighbors and friends that assisted in his care and support.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to the ASPCA (www.aspc.org).

## Norine Sokoler

Norine Sokoler, 60, died Saturday, April 30, at Norton Brownsboro.

A native of Pittsburgh, PA and born September 1, 1955, Sokoler was a realtor and a member of The Temple. One of her passions was playing Bunco with various groups.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bob Sokoler; her children, Ashley Mason (Daniel), Lauren Watterson (Robert) and Gregory Sokoler (Casey Tuma); her grandchildren, Preston, Jayden, Adalyn and Alexander Mason and Carleigh

Watterson; her parents, Paul and Rose Kutchai; and her brother, Richard Kutchai (Nicole).

Burial was in Louisville Memorial Gardens East. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research, www.ibcresearch.org/donations-fund-raising/.



## Sheldon Nathaniel Isaacs

Sheldon Nathaniel Isaacs died on Thursday, May 12.

He is survived by his second wife, Marcia Isaacs, sons, Darryl Isaacs (Teri) of Louisville, Marc Isaacs (Anita) of Evansville, IN, Wayne Isaacs (Lin) of Union, KY, and Stephen Isaacs (Jean) of Lexington, KY, 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Isaacs was born in Chicago, IL, in 1931 and moved to Louisville when he was four. He attended Male High School where he graduated in 1949.

He met his first wife, the late Betty Jean Marcus, at the YMHA in Louisville in 1951. He was married to her for 52 years before her passing in 2006. He married Marcia Bailen in 2008.

Isaacs served as a medic in a M.A.S.H. unit for two years in the Korean War before returning to the United States to marry Betty in 1953. He graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy and became a pharmacist. In 1972, he became a lawyer and developed Isaacs and Isaacs P.S.C. law firm, which has helped thousands of personal injury clients since 1991.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509 New York, NY 10018; American Cancer Society, 701 W Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, KY 40203; or the Louisville Orchestra, 323 W. Broadway, Suite 700, Louisville, KY 40202.

## Gladys Helen (Ullman) Fox

Gladys Helen (Ullman) Fox, 90, died peacefully on Saturday, May 14, at Episcopal Church Home, in Louisville.

Born on April 24, 1926 in Union City, NJ, Fox was the only child of Sarah and David Ullman. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from the City College of New York (CCNY) and soon afterward married Arnold Fox, a young Naval officer and fellow CCNY alumnus on June 16, 1946. Their marriage lasted nearly 70 years, ending when Arnold passed away in February of this year.

Fox moved with Arnold from New York City to Pittsburgh, PA, where they raised three children.

Fox was a founding member of the reform Jewish congregation, Temple Emmanuel, in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. She secured a teaching position in comparative religion at a local Catholic parochial high school.

During the 1980's, after completing a Master's Degree in Education at the University of Pittsburgh in Special Education, she helped to develop and fund programs for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to support the academic and vo-

catational educational needs of children with physical and cognitive disabilities. She moved with her husband to Louisville where she made new friends and again became an active member of her local community.

Herman Meyer & Son handled funeral arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42, Louisville, KY 40241 or The Fund for the Arts, 623 W Main St., Louisville, KY 40202.

## Stuart J. Zober

Stuart J. Zober, 68, died Sunday, May 15, at Baptist Health Louisville.

He was a native of Louisville, a retired chemist from Louisville Water Company and a former member of Keneseth Israel Congregation.

Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation or The Louisville Deaf Oral School Foundation.



## Malcolm Harold Fine, MD

Malcolm Harold Fine, MD died Monday, May 16.

He was the younger son of Julia and Jacob Fine. His brother, Nathaniel, died in October 2015.

Fine was a graduate of Male High School, Speed School and University of Louisville Medical School, where he was a member of AOA.

His career was spent in pharmaceutical research and he was director of the STD Clinic at the Jefferson County Health Department for many years. He was a member of Greater Louisville Medical Society. During World War II, Malcolm served in the Army Air Corp.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; his brother-in-law, Robert Crabtree; his nephews, Mark, MD (Karen), James (Phyllis) and Brent, and their families.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

The family would like to thank Baptist Health nurses and staff, and Hosparus for giving Malcolm compassionate and devoted care. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus.

## Marvin M. Sotsky

Marvin M. Sotsky died on Sunday, May 22.

He born in Louisville on November 16, 1923, was a graduate of Sewanee Military Academy and The Citadel, and a 1953 Phi Alpha Delta graduate of Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville.

He was a member of the Armed Forces stationed in Manila, The Philippines where he supervised a restoration and operation of the Army Exchange Service in downtown Manila with the rank of Lieutenant. Sotsky was part of the 100th Airborne Division and discharged as the rank of Captain.

He was admitted to the bar in 1953, was General Counsel to Kentucky Housing Corporation, 1979-1983 and Contract Counsel to Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Transportation, 1983-2004. Marvin was a member of the Louisville, Kentucky and American Bar Associations, and a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and The Temple.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 38 years, Shirley Klein Sotsky.

Marvin is survived by his daughters Julie B. Sotsky, Sandra Sotsky Harrison; his two grandchildren, Paige Harrison and Leslie Harrison; and his special friend, Mutzie Perellis.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

## Jack Joffe

Jack Joffe, of Lexington, KY, passed away on Monday, May 23. He was 83.

He was born on February 2, 1933 in Philadelphia, PA. He grew up in the Bronx, NY and attended Taft High School. In 1952 he married Evette Goldberg, and together they had four children; David, Mindy, Debbie and Robert.

Joffe worked as a salesman in the music industry. He was active in the Lion's Club, B'nai Brith, and the Temple Brotherhood. He also relished his role as a volunteer teacher at KORE Academy where he hosted senior high students to "Coffee with Mr. Joffe". Quick with a smile and a joke, Joffe never met a stranger and took genuine interest in everyone he met, a true mensch. Joffe's annual birthday calls to congregants will be sorely missed by all.

Joffe is survived by his son David, daughters Mindy and Debbie, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evette Joffe; son, Robert Joffe; and his parents, Robert and Sara Joffe.

Burial was in the Temple Shalom section of Cave Hill Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made in Joffe's name to Temple Adath Israel's Youth Education Fund, 124 N. Ashland Ave. Lexington, KY 40502; or to KORE Academy, 4300 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, KY 40515.

## Babette "Babs" Lobred

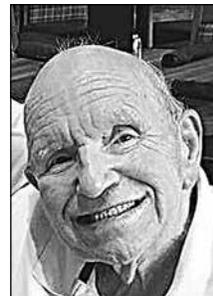
Babette "Babs" Lobred, 91, died Tuesday, May 24, at Oaklawn Health & Rehab Center.

She was a retired teller and teller trainer for Bank of Louisville, where she worked for nearly 19 years. She was a member of The Temple, NCJW - Louisville Section, a docent for the Kentucky Center of the Arts and was a Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Healthcare volunteer.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jerome Lobred; daughters, Roslyn Poole (Michael) of Chicago, IL, Kathy Lobred of Louisville and Beth Price (Jeffrey) of Lyndhurst, OH; four grandchildren, Ellen Ekevag (Per), Jim Poole (Betzi), Leah Peterson (Eric) and Aaron Price; four great-grandchildren; and her brother, Irving Wolf (Harriet) of Las Cruces, NM.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

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# D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Yosef Levy  
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As we approach Shavuot, June 11-13, when with the giving of the Torah the Jews became obligated to observe the kosher laws, I would like to focus on Kosher.

When my dad was a child, shopping for a kosher candy bar was a simple matter. In those days, a candy bar was only a nickel. We would carefully review the ingredients printed on the back label. If there was no gelatin in the candy, we wisely concluded that the product was unquestionably kosher. No matter that the ingredients listed polysorbates and sodium stearoyl lactylate; we had no idea what they were. They sounded too technical to be non-kosher. We simply believed, "What could be wrong with a candy bar?"

Today, our innocence is gone. You can no longer purchase a candy bar for five cents, and most people know that you cannot judge a candy by its wrapper. Nonetheless, while kosher consumers today are generally more knowledgeable than years ago, many myths still prevail. "What could be wrong with..." remains a common refrain among kosher consumers.

## What Could Be Wrong with Fruit Cocktail?

Some people still believe you can tell if a product is kosher by reading the ingredient declaration on the label. Many will concede that you cannot eat a candy bar without supervision but they will rely on this method for foods that seem to be straightforward and uncomplicated. In truth, it is generally not possible to gather enough information from the label to judge the kashruth of an item, for a variety of reasons.

First, the product may be made from kosher ingredients but processed on non-kosher equipment. For example, canned vegetables may be cooked in kettles used for pork and beans, tuna fish may be processed in retorts used for canned shrimp, and tomato products (canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato puree, tomato juice and ketchup) may share common lines with tomato and meat or cheese sauces.

Second, the USDA does not require the listing of certain processing aids, such as pan liners and oils that serve as release agents. Though not technically classified as ingredients, these items could nonetheless render the product non-kosher.

Finally, many ingredients can be kosher or non-kosher depending on their source of supply, and there is not enough descriptive information on the label to make a clear analysis. Following is a partial list of some food ingredients which are red flags. If any are listed on a label, the product requires a reliable hechsher. (I've chosen these very common items, but this is by no means an exhaustive list of all problematic ingredients.)

**Wine, Grape Juice, Alcohol and Vinegar:** Wine and grape juice are only kosher when produced with full-time rabbinic supervision. Alcohol can be derived from grape juice and therefore requires supervision as well. Vinegar is manufactured from alcohol. Most people are aware that wine vinegar requires supervision, but do not realize that any form of vinegar may contain wine-derived alcohol.

**Vegetable Oil:** Lard and tallow, which are animal products, are obviously not kosher, but vegetable oil can be problematic as well. This is because many companies manufacture animal and vegetable oil on the same equipment. As a matter of course, companies do not clean the machinery between an-

imal and vegetable oils, because these oils are compatible with each other. It is therefore possible for "pure vegetable oil" to contain a significant percentage of animal oil.

Emulsifiers (sometimes referred to by other names, such as mono- and diglycerides and polysorbates), stearates, stabilizers, dough conditioners and glycerine: These are all made from either animal or vegetable sources and may be either kosher or non-kosher.

**Natural and Artificial Flavors and Food Coloring:** These are made from thousands of ingredients which may be kosher or non-kosher. When fully broken down to subunits, a simple strawberry flavor may contain over a hundred ingredients. The words "flavors and colors" provide very little information about the true composition of these items. Three of the most common problematic ingredients used in flavors and colors are what I often refer to as "The Three C's": carmine, civet and castorium. Carmine is a bright red coloring agent derived from the pulverized shells of a beetle-like insect. Civet is extracted from a cat secretion and castorium is produced from a beaver secretion. Civet and castorium are used as flavor enhancers. Flavors can also contain ingredients produced by biotechnology (this process may utilize non-kosher nutrients such as blood or animal tissue) as well as derivatives of grape juice and animal oil.

What could be wrong with fruit cocktail? Would you believe there may be animal derivatives mixed into the fruit? Until a few years ago, the cherries in fruit cocktail were dyed with an artificial red color. That particular dye was banned because it was suspected to be carcinogenic. Today, all fruit cocktail companies without reliable supervision use carmine to color the cherries. In addition, some fruit cocktails have flavors which may contain other problematic ingredients.

There are some processed foods which do not require any supervision. However, consumers should not make such determinations without the assistance and guidance of a kashruth professional or an informed local rabbi.

In spite of the limitations of the ingredient panel, certain useful information can be gleaned that way. It is sometimes possible to establish that a product is dairy by reviewing the ingredients. While most kashruth agencies generally require that a D appear on dairy products, instances of missing "D"s abound.

All kosher consumers should be familiar with the basic dairy ingredients. In addition to ingredients which are obviously dairy (milk, cream, butter, cheese), there are three common dairy components: lactose (milk sugar), casein or caseinate (milk protein), whey (the liquid residue which remains when milk is curdled).

## What could be wrong with...?

Baked goods: flavors, oil, emulsifiers and dough conditioners.

Banana chips: fried in oil.

Candy bars: flavor, food coloring, emulsifiers and stabilizers.

Canned vegetables: may share equipment with pork and beans, tomato and cheese and meat sauce.

Canned capers: vinegar.

Canned grapefruit: may be product of Israel (This information would appear on the label. Israeli produce requires separation of terumah and ma'aser and may be product of shmitah year).

Canned tuna and sardines: oil, may share equipment with non-kosher fish products.

Cereals: flavors, food coloring, oil and emulsifiers.

Chewing gum: flavors, food coloring, glycerin, emulsifiers and stearates.

Chips (potato, corn, taco etc.): oil and seasonings.

Chocolate: flavors, emulsifiers and oil. Even if it does not contain these ingredients, may share equipment with non-kosher chocolate.

Extracts (almond, vanilla etc.): alcohol

and glycerin.

Flavored coffee and tea: flavors.

Fruit cocktail: flavors, food coloring, grape juice.

Garlic and onion powder, garlic and onion salt: stearates.

Hard candy: flavors and food coloring.

Herbal tea: flavors.

Ice cream: flavors, food coloring, emulsifiers and gelatin.

Juice drinks: grape juice and flavors.

Mayonnaise: vinegar, oil, flavors and eggs.

Mustard and ketchup: vinegar, seasonings and oleoresins.

Peanut butter: emulsifiers and stabilizers.

Popcorn: oil and flavors.

Puddings: flavors and emulsifiers.

Roasted nuts: oil, may share equipment with nuts processed with gelatin and seasonings.

Salad dressing: oil, vinegar, flavors and stabilizers.

Soda and flavored seltzers: flavors and food coloring.

Syrups, jams, jellies: sweetener may be grape juice and may share equipment with grape juice.

Vegetable oil: may share equipment with animal oil.

*NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list of products and concerns. Readers should not make any inferences from omissions.*

Wishing you a very happy and Joyful Shavuot.

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Candles should be lit for Shabbat on Fridays, May 27 at 8:39; June 3 8:44 p.m.; June 10 at 8:48 p.m.; for Shavuot, Saturday, June 11, after 9:54 p.m. and Sunday, June 12 after 9:55 p.m.; and for Shabbat on Fridays, Jun 3 17 at 8:51 p.m. and June 24 at 8:52 p.m.

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